



ASU[®] School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Arizona State University

An academic unit of the Watts College of Public
Service and Community Solutions



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This rank of #2 was built over many years on the foundation of the ASU Charter:

“ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value, and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.”

Together with this charter, the renewed focus of the School on Excellence, Access, Impact and Adaptability has propelled us to this milestone. As a community of scholars, educators, students and staff, this is our value, our belief and our commitment, and it is what gives us cause for celebration.



Overview

The Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions is Arizona State University's laboratory for the innovative production of public goods. We are committed to fearlessly taking on the most daunting challenges facing society, with degree programs and research that address challenges affecting communities both locally and globally. Our population represents the highest percentages of minority, transfer and working students and the largest concentration of first-generation college students at ASU. Together, we bring creativity, systems-level thinking and an entrepreneurial spirit to our mission of creating, sustaining and promoting dynamic, prosperous communities.

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2,513 undergraduate
students

244 graduate students

46 faculty members

6,400+ alumni worldwide

#2 Criminology and Criminal
Justice PhD program

#7 online graduate program
– U.S. News & World Report 2021

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Jon Gould

Earning his JD at Harvard University, and his PhD from University of Chicago, Jon joined the School in 2020 as its director from American University, bringing experience from the Department of Justice and the National Science Foundation. As director of the School, Jon is passionate about providing pathways for student success through national, international, and local collaborations and research opportunities with premier faculty and exceptional practitioners in the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

It is hard to believe that our academic year just closed for 2020-21. To say we are tired is something you may appreciate by the time you finish this edition of the newsletter! The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has had a busy year – and that's not even counting our efforts to manage around the pandemic.

Speaking of the coronavirus, we are excited by the University's plans to resume in-person instruction come fall. In the meantime, masks and physical distancing remain the rule on campus.

In case you missed it, our big news of the year was our #2 ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* among criminology programs across the country. The collective effort of the entire School made this a reality. This is a significant accomplishment for us and is a testament to the many years of hard work to achieve such recognition.

Through our collaborative work with ASU, Ted Gest, The Academy for Justice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Criminal Justice Journalists, we launched Crime and Justice News under the ASU banner. This daily report filters all the critical crime and justice news, adding commentary and research highlights. While this was a huge effort by the aforementioned entities, it would never have happened without the herculean efforts of the Watts College Marketing Team, which brought this from concept to launch within one month.

We are growing in rank and also in faculty. At present, we are recruiting for a Watt's Endowed Professor and two presidential post-doctoral fellows. Recruitment is always challenging, but our doors are open to the possibilities! With that said, some of our colleagues are moving to retirement, including John Hepburn (read more later),



and two full time Instructors, Charles Loftus and Clayton Kidd. We wish all of them a happy and fun-filled retirement. In addition, our colleague Eric Johnson will be leaving

his instructor position and director of our internship program to become a criminal investigator. We will miss him greatly.

This has been a year in which we challenged our colleagues and students to reimagine the criminal justice system. Our faculty have been busy reviewing curricula for the treatment of racial and ethnic fairness. We also have been working with policy leaders, practitioners, and community groups to translate our research findings into practical reforms.

Our School takes seriously the obligation to serve the larger community, and we expect to have opportunities in the coming year to expand our 4+1 program to undergraduates outside of ASU, particularly those who are first-generation college attendees and other students who are not well-represented in academe. ASU is opening a campus in Los Angeles, where we plan to have an eventual presence, and we are even looking to partner with universities abroad to offer our courses. President Crow likes to say that ASU's global reach means it never sleeps. Soon, neither will the School!



I am also excited to announce the revitalization of the Center for Public Criminology. The goal of the Center is to strengthen the School's translational function –

helping to get research into the hands of policymakers and practitioners to better serve the public. We also hope the Center will provide practitioners and policymakers an opportunity to suggest future research projects useful for the field.

The School's faculty are working collaboratively to pull together our Youth Justice Collaborative. CCJ's goal is to be

the “go to” place on campus for people interested in juvenile justice, youth development, and related issues.

President Crow’s 25-Point Initiative:
As you undoubtedly know, President Crow issued a 25-point plan last year as part of ASU’s commitment to our Black faculty, staff and students. Several of our faculty have joined one of the subcommittees addressing the ASU Police Department. We are pleased we can be of assistance on such an important issue to ASU and the greater community.

The accomplishments I have mentioned above do not speak to the time, effort and energy that goes into each of those endeavors. As you continue to read through this newsletter you will also see that our faculty have been highly productive – not only in effectively teaching (during a pandemic no less), but also in conducting impactful research and serving ASU and the field. Our staff members, too, have been dedicated and creative in meeting the challenges of the last year. We have been at remote work and in various forms of quarantine for nearly 15 months now, and our School has shined brightly throughout it all.

To say that I am proud of my colleagues and grateful for their work is a profound understatement. We have gotten this far together. Part of that “we” includes you as well – our audience, collaborators and supporters. We hope the next academic year permits us to see you in person so we can thank you for your interest and support during such challenging times. In the meantime, all of us in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice wish you a pleasant (and at least in Arizona, cool) summer.

Celebrate

Faculty Promotions

Faculty promotion is important to the School. Not only must these scholars provide a strong case to their peers in the School, but they must also win the support of external reviewers, who must evaluate the merits of promotion. It is a year-long process before promotion is announced.

This year, the School is proud to congratulate our two faculty members who were promoted in the 2021-2022 school year.

Kate Fox, PhD, was promoted to professor and will continue to be our graduate program director.

Stacia Stolzenberg, PhD, was promoted to associate professor with tenure. In the Spring 2022 term, she will also serve as undergraduate director

Congratulations Kate and Stacia!



Professor
Kate Fox, PhD



Associate Professor
Stacia Stolzenberg, PhD

Celebrating Emeritus Professor **John Hepburn**

School Renames Award to Dr. John R. Hepburn Alumni Scholar Award

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice proudly announces that, at the request of the faculty, it is renaming the annual Alumni Scholar Award to the “Dr. John R. Hepburn Alumni Scholar Award.” This annual award is presented for outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology and criminal justice by a person who has received the MA, M.S., or PhD from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU.

Dr. John Hepburn’s career started at the University of Iowa where he obtained a PhD in Sociology. He spent time at Augustana College in Illinois and was an Associate Professor and Fellow for the Center of Metropolitan Studies at the University of Missouri – St. Louis.

Dr. Hepburn came to Arizona State University in 1984 as Director and Professor of Justice Studies (renamed School of Justice and Social Inquiry). He served as director for five years. In 2005, he was named Dean of the College of Human Services on the West Campus and was instrumental in transforming the Administration of Justice program into the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice that has continued to thrive since its move to the Downtown Phoenix campus. From 2008 through 2014, he served as Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Since then, Hepburn has served in the role he loves most: a professor who teaches, researches, and mentors.

Dr. Hepburn has extensive research experience on contemporary issues of corrections, including offender re-entry into the community. He studies the effects of individual risk factors and criminal justice organizational structures and processes on the offender’s future social and criminal outcomes. The other focus of his research is the sociology of the prison as a complex organization. Over the span of his career, Hepburn not only served in key administrative roles, but he also secured over 3.5 million in funded research. He has numerous publications, including both refereed and non-refereed articles, books, and book chapters.

As if this work were not enough, Dr. Hepburn has served as a mentor and friend to countless students and faculty. Associate Director of the School, Dr. Hank Fradella is one of those individuals. “Since 1994, John has been my primary academic mentor. He has had a huge influence on my work as a teacher, author, administrator and professional in our discipline. He instilled in me the importance of being a servant-leader and a good mentor for the next generation of scholars. I now know him as one of my dearest friends. While he will be absent from our School, I look forward to seeing John’s continued work in the field and at conferences and symposia. Moreover, I look forward to spending social time with him in his retirement.” School Director Jon Gould reflected that, “John has been a wealth of information supporting me and the School. I have appreciated his institutional knowledge and help in navigating the University. He may be retiring, but I have his cell number, and he has promised to still answer.” Gould also noted that when Dr. Hepburn announced his retirement, several faculty members independently approached him about naming an award in his honor. “John always has been, and always will be, highly regarded, and I am very pleased that we moved forward on naming this award after him,” Gould said.



Crime and Justice

News

Every weekday starting in April 2003, Crime and Justice News has provided a summary of significant news developments from around the nation drawn from news reports, government agencies, interest groups and original reporting. The summary is edited by Ted Gest, a veteran journalist based in Washington, D.C.

In January 2021, the news report moved to Arizona State University, in collaboration with the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, the Academy for Justice at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

ASU officials say additional content and the collaboration of three Downtown Phoenix campus entities are expected to make Crime and Justice News, a respected source for criminal justice and legal practitioners since it first appeared in 2003, even more useful to industry professionals and the general public.

The report was housed for several years at John Jay College in New York City, where it was successful at providing daily summaries to the criminal justice community and earned tens of thousands of hits per day, said SCCJ Director Jon Gould, Foundation Professor of criminology and law.

Crime and Justice News' content is offered free to the public through a new website at crimeandjusticenews.asu.edu. Now that it is based at ASU, Gould said he believes it is important for the university to be a "translator between scholarly research and practitioners. Bringing Ted's work here enables us to share this information to the world without cost. This is a free service to readers."

Gould said the report is designed not just for the criminal justice community and policymakers but also for the general public because it is more than an aggregation. Gest aggregates criminal justice news and information but also summarizes it, which helps foster greater public understanding and awareness of what is happening in criminal justice, Gould said.

Service

Awards

20 Years

David Chate,
Senior Research Analyst

10 Years

Kevin Wright,
Associate Professor

5 Years

Dustin Pardini,

Associate Professor

Danielle Dandreaux,

Research Assistant

Eric Johnon,

Instructor, Internship Coordinator

Jesenia Pizarro-Terrill,

Associate Professor

Karen Gordon,

Lecturer

Michael Scott,

Clinical Professor

Nancy Johnson,

Assistant to the Director

Rick Trinkner,

Assistant Professor

Stacia Stolzenberg,

Associate Professor

Features: Celebrating Alumni

Early Career Excellence Award

This year's recipient of the alumni Early Career Excellence Award is Brooks Louton, PhD ('16). This honor is given 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. Louton heads the Strategic Planning Analysis and Research Center (SPARC) at the

Tempe Police Department. SPARC is focused on long-term data analysis including strategic and administrative crime analysis as well as traditional police planning and research work. Dr.

Danielle Wallace said, "Brooks worked for me as a post-doctoral researcher on one of the most difficult projects I have ever experienced. She demonstrated not only intellectual but professional prowess which benefited the client and the project immensely. I nominated Brooks because I strongly believe that in the coming years, she stands to be one of the most pivotal practitioners in Arizona." In receiving the award Ms. Louton said, "I'm honored to receive this award, and deeply grateful for the support I received as a graduate student at Arizona State University. I look forward to continuing to serve my community using the education I received. Thank you."

Dr. Marie Griffin

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Dr. Marie Griffin Distinguished Alumni Award, which is given each year to a practitioner in one of the justice professions, is in memory of beloved School of Criminology and Criminal Justice professor Marie Griffin. This distinguished award was given to Rodger Benefiel, PhD ('15), associate professor, Bloomsburg University. Dr. Benefiel has 24 years' experience working in federal corrections. He has worked at nine different federal prisons, including being one of the first officers at the U.S. Penitentiary Administrative Maximum (ADX) in Florence, Colorado, and serving as a lieutenant at three different prisons, including the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was also a chief correctional supervisor (captain) at the federal prisons in El Reno, Oklahoma, and Phoenix, Arizona, prior to becoming an associate warden at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in San Diego, California, and at the Federal Correctional Complex in Tucson, Arizona. His award was presented by Regents Professor Cassia Spohn, who noted that Dr. Benefiel is trained in a wide variety of correctional areas, is the recipient of numerous professional awards and has received special recognition from the International



Narcotics Enforcement Officer's Association. Dr. Spohn said, "Dr. Benefiel's long and distinguished career in corrections makes him an ideal candidate for this award." On receiving news of the award, Professor Benefiel said, "I am honored to receive this award. Arizona State took a chance on a

practitioner who wanted to contribute to the body of knowledge in corrections and helped transform me into an academic with expanding interests in punishment, the courts and social justice issues. I cannot thank the faculty at ASU enough -I have a fulfilling career and am impacting lives, including going back to prison as an educator. Thank you very, very much."

Dr. John R. Hepburn

Alumni Scholar Award

Dr. David Pyrooz ('12)

This newly named award honors the contribution Dr. John Hepburn has made to the School and University with his years of leadership. This honor is bestowed based on outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology and criminal justice by a person who has received an MA, MS, or PhD from the School. The selection committee has honored two alumni with this award because of their outstanding contributions to the field. Associate Professor David Pyrooz, PhD ('12) (University of Colorado) and Associate Professor Jill Turanovic, PhD ('15) (Florida State University).



Dr. David Pyrooz ('12) was nominated by Foundation Professor Emeritus Scott Decker. Decker noted that Pyrooz's accomplishments span scholarship, teaching and the practice of criminal justice. He has written in public forums including

the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal. His research has been recognized by the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and he is successful in external funding. "David is clearly already an outstanding scholar and has made foundational contributions in our understanding of prisons, gangs, youth and families at risk, and extremists. A hallmark throughout his career has been to expand and diversify the pool of new PhD candidates in an area that is growing rapidly. For all of these accomplishments, he is most deserving of this award," said Decker. In response to receiving the award, Professor Pyrooz noted, "This award means a lot to me because the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has meant so much to me. When I think about my four years at ASU, I think about a commitment to excellence. That not only applies to research, teaching and service, but most importantly to being a good colleague who is committed to mentoring the next generation of scholars."

Dr. Jillian Turanovic ('15)



Dr. Jillian Turanovic ('15) was nominated by Professor Kristy Holtfreter, focusing on Turanovic's established national reputation as a respected scholar doing cutting-edge research on the causes and consequences of victimization, tests of

criminological theory and the effects of incarceration. Publishing in top-tier scholarly journals and securing competitive grant funding for her research, Dr. Turanovic's record of accomplishments is truly impressive. Holtfreter also noted that Turanovic received early tenure and promotion in a program that is consistently ranked among the best doctoral-granting programs in the United States. "Jill's reputation and dedication as an outstanding mentor is what really impresses me. She creates supporting environments that actively engage students and encourages critical thinking. I believe she is among the most impressive scholars of her generation." Turanovic, a faculty member at Florida State University, said, "I am incredibly honored to receive the Alumni Scholar Award. I received such high-quality education and mentorship during my time at ASU, for which I am forever grateful. The opportunities to participate in research, teach classes and collaborate with faculty on publications helped to put me on a successful career path. I am especially thankful to Kristy Holtfreter for nominating me, as well as to Mike Reisig, Kevin Wright and Jacob Young for their support. I hope to continue making ASU CCJ proud, and sincerely thank the faculty and fellow students who helped me along the way."

Leadership Update

Graduate Committee

We recruited and admitted our incoming MS and PhD students, including an all-day virtual Meet & Greet event. Of these 8 incoming PhD students, 50% are people of color (3 female and 1 male) and the other 50% are white (4 white males). Of these 7 MS students, 57% are people of color (4 female) and the remaining 3 students are white (2 female and 1 male). We are excited to welcome our new students in August!

In collaboration with the Undergraduate Committee we developed a proposal for enhancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion across our programs. Highlights pertaining to the graduate program include recommendations to (a) create lead syllabi for core classes (b) develop a new course tentatively titled "Inequality, Crime and Criminal Justice," (c) encourage faculty (tenured, tenure-track, and fixed-term) to propose special topics courses that focus on issues surrounding diversity and inclusion, and (d) encourage faculty to incorporate high-impact learning activities that allow students to think critically about issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion. This is very much a work-in-progress and we appreciate your continued input.

Our MS and PhD students now have access to an ever-growing library of our CCJ resources, including School policies, commonly used forms, examples of theses/capstones/dissertations, comprehensive exam materials and examples of grants. If you have any materials that would be useful to our grads, please send them to Kate Fox.

Thanks to our fabulous faculty, we offered an exciting line-up of 13 workshops focused on an array of professional aspects including academic publishing, grants, teaching and the job market. For the first time this year we offered workshops on advanced teaching, ethics of peer review, academic writing, and preparing for the alt-academic job market.

Now you and prospective employers can check out our rockstar PhD candidates who are on the job market: <https://ccj.asu.edu/phd-students-on-job-market>

Last but not least we celebrate the following individuals on the below recognitions:

- **Gabriel Alvarez – Graduate College Fellowship**
- **Suzanne Coble – Graduate College Completion Fellowship**
- **Danielle Haverkate – Graduate College Completion Fellowship**
- **Carson Swisher – Watts College CCJ Outstanding Graduate**
- **Madison Sutton – Faculty Women's Association Distinguished Graduate**



Kate Fox, PhD
Associate Professor
Graduate Committee
Chair and Director,
On-Campus Graduate
Programs

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NEW PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Master of Science in Crime Analysis

Certificate in Crime Analysis

The Watts College Recruitment Team is here to provide admissions guidance and support to prospective students. Contact us by phone: (602) 496-7827 or email: publicservice.gradrecruitment@asu.edu

Undergraduate Committee

It was a busy academic year for the Undergraduate Committee. To help advance an anti-racist Watts College, we spent the year carefully reviewing the undergraduate curriculum and our course offerings and syllabi. With the Graduate Committee, we jointly generated a proposal for enhancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion across our programs. Changes will include revising course learning objectives in many classes to explicitly incorporate material on disparity, discrimination and racism; creating a new undergraduate course on structural inequality; and expanding the list of courses that count towards the related area requirement in the major. As we implement these changes next year, we welcome feedback on our curriculum from students, alumni and community members.

We also are ready to launch three new programs in the Fall. Our BS degree in criminology and criminal justice will now offer the option for a concentration in policing. Students completing the concentration will take advanced courses in preparation for contributing to 21st century policing. The School will also add two new certificate programs—one in juvenile justice and the other focused on legal issues in criminal justice.



Cody Telep, PhD
Associate Professor
Undergraduate
Committee Chair &
Director of Undergraduate
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Finally, we were very excited to honor the following CCJ scholarship winners at the May 7th School awards ceremony:

- **Makayla Corella - Christopher Rearley Memorial Scholarship**
- **Mya Vallejo - Robert Godlove Scholarship**
- **Victoria Alvarado - Watts College School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Quasi Endowment Scholarship**
- **Ivan Quintana - CHS Legacy Scholarship**
- **Carrie Kayaani - Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Phoenix Chapter Scholarship**

NEW PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

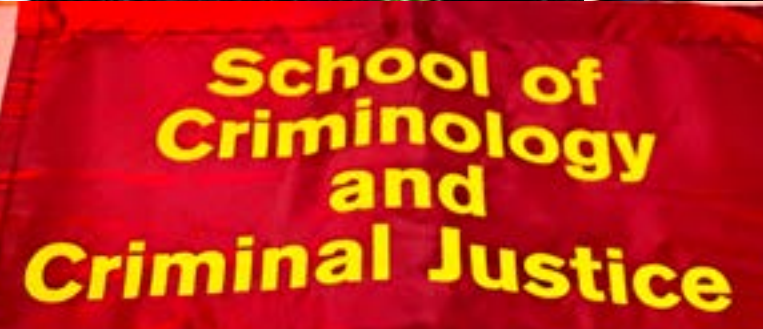
Concentration: Policing - take advanced courses in preparation for contributing to 21st century policing

Certificate programs: Juvenile Justice

Legal Issues in Criminal Justice

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Congrats to the grads





Class of 2021

PhD Graduates



Jon Bottema, PhD

As an American citizen born abroad, I grew up as a Kiwi in New Zealand. Wanting to expand my horizons, I chose to pursue my passion for criminology and criminal justice in the United States. Even though diving into the unknown was daunting and brought many challenges, it has been an exciting journey. Reflecting now, I see that it turned out better than I could have ever imagined. Having the opportunity to attend ASU from my bachelor's through my PhD has been a life-changing experience for which I will be forever grateful. The relationships I have developed have been a catalyst for invaluable opportunities, incredible experiences, and quality education from one of the top schools in my discipline. Further, the great minds and meaningful work have sparked what will be a lifelong passion for policing research. A key influencer for fostering my success has been my mentor Dr. Cody Telep, who has provided endless support and experience. His direction and insights have changed the course of my career.

Knowing it takes a village, heartfelt appreciation goes to my other committee members, Jacob Young and Bill Terrill, for their guidance and support. Shannon Stewart, I am ever so grateful for your help in navigating the graduate program and being such a positive "go-to." And finally, thank you to all the faculty, staff, my cohort and other students who have helped me build a platform to successfully launch my career.

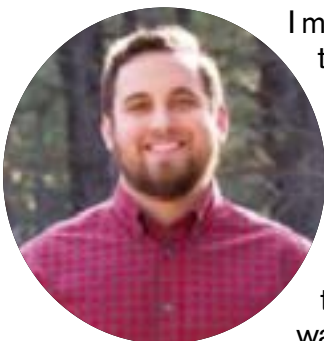
I want to stay connected with you and the School that offered me so much. Yet, I am immensely excited for the next chapter. I look forward to growing from my academic roots and engaging in practical research that will help revamp modern policing in constructive ways and positively impact both law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Karissa Pelletier, PhD

As I take my next steps toward a bright and innovative future, I must thank all those whose tireless effort helped me get here: Jesenia Pizarro, Jon Bottema, Shi Yan, Kate Fox, April Zeoli, Dani Wallace, Millan AbiNader, Jill Messing, Jackie Campbell, my fur-kids, Athena and Hela, my friends both here and far, and my family back in Connecticut. Thank you for all the love and support throughout this process. Looking forward toward doing research that helps shape a better future at the University of Michigan! Excelsior!



Logan Somers, PhD



There are so many people at ASU who have helped me get to this point. First and foremost, I must thank Dr. William Terrill for the endless opportunities he has provided me over the last six years as well as his guidance and support. To the other members of my dissertation committee, Dr. Cody Telep and Dr. Jacob Young, thank you both for your mentorship throughout graduate school and your willingness to always lend me a helping hand. Further, I have had the pleasure to work with a host of other amazing faculty during my time at ASU, which include Dr. Kristy Holtfreter, Dr. Xia Wang, Dr. Michael White, Dr. Ed Maguire, Dr. Justin Ready and Professor Michael Scott. Thank you to all of you. Last but not least, I want to thank Shannon Stewart. You are the motor that keeps the entire graduate school running! Looking forward, I cannot wait to build upon the work that I have done here in my next phase as an Assistant Professor at Georgia Southern University.

Jessica Raak, PhD

My thanks goes out to Dr. Hank Fradella. As chair of my dissertation committee, you were always there with sound guidance. I also send my sincere thanks to Dr. Hepburn and Dr. Wright. Obtaining my doctorate means the world to me and my career in Corrections. From my admission to graduation there were highs and lows, providing me with a depth and breadth of experiences that I will never forget. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you the faculty for your support of me being a full-time working practitioner in the field and student.

Thank you ASU, but most importantly, thank you Dr. Fradella.



Greetings from the Graduate Student Committee

This year the Graduate Student Committee was reinvigorated. In the midst of a global pandemic and a national reckoning with racial oppression, we knew building community and connection among students would be essential for getting through this difficult time. We began the Fall semester with specific goals, including to create opportunities for students and faculty to socialize inside and outside the academic setting, to identify and address the challenges faced by underrepresented and marginalized students, and to advocate for students' needs in the organization and administration of our graduate program. While there is still much work to be done, we believe that we have taken some important first steps in achieving these goals.



We organized Zoom study hours, where students joined, studied together, didn't study together, and recreated the on-campus office experience, online. We held regular Zoom socials, providing students time and space to get to meet outside of class, commiserate over shared anxiety, fear and frustration, and laugh through the stress. We also hosted a faculty-student social, encouraging students and faculty to engage informally and get to know each other as people.

To address our goal of promoting diversity, we also organized the first-ever Diverse Perspectives on Justice Series. We wanted to learn from scholars whose experiences, ideas and research provided insights on criminological problems that extend past what is offered by our School. Specifically, we wanted to highlight research that challenged existing assumptions and raised provocative questions about criminology and criminal justice. And it was amazing! We hosted five fantastic speakers from diverse backgrounds, fields and experiences. We heard about gay gang members, black lives matter protests and life course trajectories in Taiwan.

We learned about green criminology and how to start mutual aid projects. We were inspired.

These successes have encouraged us to look toward next year with hope and enthusiasm. We plan to continue to have regular student socials, and we look forward to holding some of these in person. We will also continue to organize the Diverse Perspective on Justice Series annually every Fall. We are also looking forward to building on the student-to-student mentoring program we piloted this spring. And we are excited to launch the first-ever Diversity Summit - a student led initiative to identify and address barriers to graduate students' success in our program. We are incredibly appreciative of the support we have received from students, CCJ faculty and administration, and the Watts College to help continue to make these initiatives a reality.

We are proud of the work we have done this year and look forward to the work ahead.

Enjoy your summer!

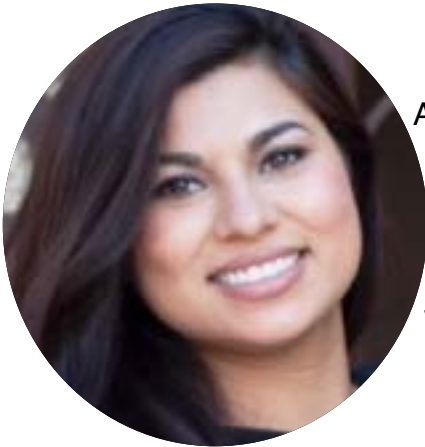
The CCJ Graduate Student Committee

Celebrating Staff

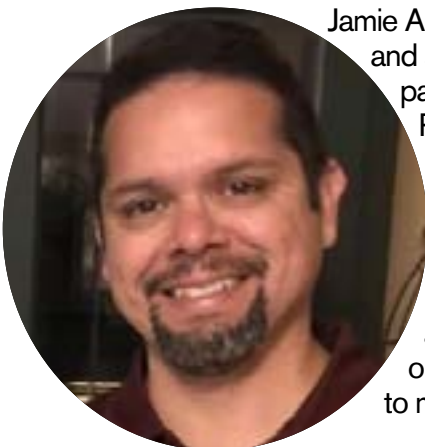
This year we say goodbye to two staff members who have long served the CCJ community. Shannon Stewart was with the School for 11 years, ending her career as the Graduate Programs Advisor. If you re-read the PhD graduates message, you will find Shannon featuring prominently in their thanks to the School.

Natalie Hebert has been instrumental to the School. As a project coordinator, she was responsible for class scheduling, room requests, graduate student funding and offer letters to name just a few. It is with heartfelt thanks we say, "see you later," because we can't bring ourselves to say goodbye.

With that, we welcome two new staff members to our business operations team.



Angelene Capello started with ASU in 2014 at University Services at the front desk. From there, she moved to Educational Outreach Student Services, where she worked for Sun Devil Fitness Complex, the Dean of Students, the VPs office and New Student Programs. She worked her way up from front desk to business operations specialist and then fiscal specialist. She has been working in business operations since 2016 and is very excited to join the Watts College and the School.



Jamie Alvarez is our new HR specialist. He has been working for ASU for over 7 and a half years. He is coming to Watts from New College, where he worked the past two years as an office specialist senior in the Office of the Dean and Vice Provost at the West Campus. He is a double devil with a Bachelor's degree in General Studies ('13) and a Master's degree in Administrative Studies ('19), both from ASU. His wife Teresa is a high school teacher, and they have two kids: a daughter Amelia who is 5 and a son Ringo who is 3. In his spare time, he is an avid sports fan -- Go Devils, Suns, Dbacks and Cards. He also enjoys woodworking, the outdoors, and reading Arizona history. Alvarez spent a lot of time as a student at the Downtown Campus and is thrilled to have this opportunity to return as a staff member with Watts. He very much looks forward to meeting everyone when we begin to return to campus.

Advance Your Career

CAMPUS GRADUATE PROGRAM

The graduate program in criminology and criminal justice offers students the opportunity to study with world renowned faculty. Students also work with professors on innovative research projects exploring a range of important topics. Graduates leave the program with the skills to be successful in academic, research, policy and justice professions.

For graduate students looking for an excellent on campus program the School provides:

- Inclusive graduate student culture with peer mentoring
- 1:1 mentorship from faculty experts
- Small cohorts and class sizes to promote individualized instruction
- Diverse professional development opportunities
- Specialized teaching and/or research training
- Highly competitive funding packages for PhD program
- MS program prepares students for PhD program or work in field
- Select funding opportunities available for MS students
- GRE waived for MS applicants
- Many graduates placed in top positions

Application deadline: January 1, 2022 to begin Fall 2022

ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Whether you are a leader looking to support the career of those under your command, or an individual seeking to expand your opportunities in the marketplace, our School can help.

As a former justice professional, our online program director Blake McClelland, PhD, understands the importance of encouraging and providing pathways for your team. Contact Dr. McClelland to discuss your unit needs: Blake.McClelland@asu.edu.

For individuals looking to expand their horizons in this helping profession, CCJ offers fully online programs to meet your goals while you work. Our online degree and certificate programs can be found here: <https://ccj.asu.edu/programs/online>

Application deadline: rolling deadlines



Devilish Details

U.S. News & World Report Ranking:

#2 for our Doctoral Program

#7 for our Online Masters Program

46 full-time faculty

28 members of the graduate faculty

The School's Faculty has:

Conducted over 100 media interviews

128 publications

5 books

12 faculty receiving national competitive grants

18 faculty receiving external grants including government, foundation and private entities

6 labs engaging undergraduate students in research

For our graduate students, the School offers:

Dedicated graduate student work space

1:1 mentorship from faculty experts

Small cohorts and class sizes to promote individualized instruction

Highly competitive funding packages available for PhD students

MS program prepares students for PhD program or work in the field

Select funding opportunities available for MS students

GRE waived for MS applicants

Graduates placed in top positions

Inclusive graduate student culture with peer mentoring

Why choose Arizona:

Average temperature in February: 72 degrees

Average number of rainy days per year: 33

299 sunny days per year...on average

Major League Baseball Spring Training

And hiking, lots and lots of hiking



About the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Our School is a nationally recognized leader in higher education and is highly regarded for its distinguished faculty and research productivity. Our PhD program is ranked number 2 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and our world-class faculty is engaged in cutting-edge research which prepares students for the challenges of criminal justice practice in the 21st century. Our online graduate program has been named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top seven degrees in the nation for six years.

We are one of the highest-rated programs at Arizona State University and conveniently located on the ASU Downtown Phoenix campus in the fifth largest city in the U.S. Our proximity to major criminal justice agencies enhances the opportunities for instruction, practice and student internship experience.

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