WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the Chair of the Department, I welcome you to the Fall 2010 issue of the Departmental newsletter. Professors Janet Lauritsen and Beth Huebner have produced an informative newsletter that highlights a number of activities and achievements of the past year. The Department has experienced some transition this past year. Professor Jody Miller left the department effective this fall semester for a new position in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. We wish Jody well in her new position and thank her for her years of service to the department and university. Professor Dave Klinger has completed one year of a research leave and will return next year. To compensate for these vacancies, we are very pleased to welcome Dr. Stephanie DiPietro (Ph.D. University of Maryland) as Visiting Assistant Professor. Three Ph.D. students will begin the new academic year as assistant professors at other institutions: Scott Jacques joins the University of Cincinnati as an assistant professor in the Division of Criminal Justice; Michele Stacey has joined the faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice at Virginia Union University; and Brendan Dooley joined the Criminal Justice Department at St. Augustine’s College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Congratulations to all three.

The Department continues to exert a strong presence within the discipline. Rick Rosenfeld is the current President of the American Society of Criminology and Richard Wright was recognized as an ASC Fellow at this past year’s ASC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. A number of graduate students and faculty members will be participating in this year’s ASC meeting in San Francisco in November.

Finn Esbensen, Ph.D.
E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime and Violence
Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Faculty
We are thrilled to welcome Stephanie DiPietro as our new Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. DiPietro recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland.

Faculty Awards and Special Appointments
Richard Rosenfeld and Janet Lauritsen received the 2010 Claude S. Fisher Award for Excellence in Contexts in the Best Book Review Category for “The Most Dangerous Crime Rankings.” Contexts is a popular social science magazine published by the American Sociological Association.

Finn-Aage Esbensen received the 2010 Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Research and Creativity from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.


Employment News
Brendan Dooley accepted a position as Assistant Professor at St. Augustine’s College.
Scott Jacques accepted a position as Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati.
Michele Stacey accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Union College.
**U n d e r g r a d u a t e  P r o g r a m  N e w s**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the 113 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2009-2010 school year.

Special congratulations to our students who graduated with Latin honors: Chelsea Bailey, Sherrie Brown, Krystle Carroll, Vivien Clark, Casey Cowhey, Ashley Cummings, Angel Difani, Ashley Gilpin, Terry Jones-Williams, Kathleen Kennedy, Patrick King, Jonathon Kirner, Kevin Lissner, Matthew Manley, Rachael McDonnell, James McLean, Elise McPherson, Abigail Melchior, Ebony Miller, Stephanie Morales, Colin O’Neal, Jayme Ottersburg, Stephan Potter, Elizabeth Quindry, Meredith Reese, Erica Ross, Mathew Schamburg, Michael Schamburg, Curtis Schneider, Amanda Schulte, Winnie Sepp, Casey Simmons, Stephanie Thomas, Amanda Veron, and Elaine Wilson.

**CCJ Chair’s List**

Thirteen undergraduate students were nominated to the CCJ Chair’s List. Students on this list must be CCJ majors, have a GPA of 3.2 or above, and be nominated by a member of the CCJ faculty. Congratulations to Gabriel Cantoni, Colleen Cullen, Zachary Fritz, Danielle Kelly, Kathleen Kennedy, Lindsey Mabry, Mathew Manley, James Lawrence McDonald, Tori Pierce, Tiffany Prather, Erin Richey, Jericah Selby, Jessica Toledano, and Dominique Williams.

**Scholarships**

Doris Fishman Scholarship

Matthew Manley and Dominique Williams

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship

Danielle Kelley and Tiffany Prather

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**M a s t e r s  P r o g r a m  N e w s**

**Congratulations**

The following students received their M.A. degrees during the 2009-2010 school year: Erica Allen, Laura Castaneda, Yon Dugger, Jane Gehrs, Sarah Hoertel, Kimberly Hutchinson, Lauren Janes, Dorothy Kenoyer, Milton McDaniel, Hyon Namgung, and Meghan Rogers.

**Welcome to the 2010 M.A. Cohort**

Chelsea Bailey, Mary Bailey, Iliada Barbosa, Jessica Berry, Ron Clark, Vivien Clark, Mervin Cook, Rebecca Cory, Melissa Couy, Caitlin Ferguson, Colleen Finn, Dorothy Fleming, Caroline Gillan, Ashley Gilpin, Shanicia Goston, Jessica Graham, Jennifer Hansen, Chelsea Hoff, Teresa Koebbe, Hadley Kombrink, Aekkamil Luadial, Yi-Yeh Lee, Elizabeth Matoushek, Abigail Melchior, Lindsay Miller, Amanda Mullins, Meghan Nelson, Leanne Niemczyk, Patrick Pisani, Stephan Potter, Abraham Roberts, Erica Ross, Michael Schamburg, Mathew Schamburg, Adam Shook, Emily Smith, Donnell Tanksley, Jennifer Warzocha, Allison Welch, William Werner, Elaine Wilson, and Charles Wyatt.

**Reminder**

Students who plan on graduating in December 2010 or May 2011 should have already filed an M-1 Form (Program for Master’s Degree) with the Graduate School. MA students should contact their faculty advisor if they have any questions about anticipated graduation dates. Students should contact Graduate Director Beth Huebner to confirm their graduation date. The M-1 Form (and all other Graduate School Forms) is available online: on the UMSL Graduate School webpage, go to “Current Students,” then “Forms.”

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**Doctoral Program News**

**New Ph.D. Students**

Welcome to Michael Deckard, Timothy Dickinson, Brooke Mayfield, Jennifer Parker, Cheyonna Sewell, and Niquita Vinyard.

**New Ph.D.s**

Congratulations to Bradley Brick for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is “Race, Social Context, and School Punishment: An Examination of Disparity in School Discipline.” The chair of his committee is Finn Esbensen.

Congratulations to Brendan Dooley for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is “Criminology and Kuhn.” The chair of his committee is Richard Rosenfeld.

Congratulations to Scott Jacques for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of her work is “The Prevalence of Bias Crime: A Panel Analysis of Minority Threat.” The chair of her committee is Richard Rosenfeld.

Congratulations to Pernell Witherspoon for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is “Untangling the Confounding Issues Between Race and Social Class: A Replicate Study of Citizen Perceptions of Police Treatment in Black and White Neighborhoods.” The chair of his committee is Richard Rosenfeld.
New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to Dena Carson, Daniel Duplantier, Ekaterina Gorislavsky, and Breanne Pleggenkuhle for successfully completing the comprehensive exams. Graduate students are designated “Ph.D. Candidates” after they have completed coursework and exams.

Ph.D. Grant Awards and Accolades

Andrea Nichols has been awarded a Dissertation Fellowship by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges.

Brian Oliver has received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Statistics/American Sociological Association to support his dissertation research on recidivism.

Jennifer Owens was awarded a fellowship from the Bureau of Justice Statistics to attend the 2010 ICPSR summer course on "Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice Data".

Stephanie Wiley was awarded a Doctoral Fellowship for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 by the Graduate School.

Dissertation Deadlines

In order to receive the Ph.D. by the end of this semester, ABDs must be ready to submit a copy of their dissertation in “essentially final form” to the Graduate School six weeks prior to the end of the semester. Students who plan to receive the Ph.D. by May 2011 must have their dissertation completed by April 1st. Finally, students who plan to complete their degree by the end of this academic year must have completed the dissertation by July 1st. Remember, you must be enrolled in the semester in which you defend your dissertation. Also, be aware that summer graduations are much more difficult to coordinate because of faculty research obligations. Be sure to plan ahead.

Ours Influence

Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2008.

* indicates graduate student, ** indicates alumni graduate student

Articles


Books


Book Chapters


Technical Reports


Other Publications


Research Grants


University Grants

Tim Maher and Beth Huebner received a $25,000 grant from the University of Missouri system to help facilitate the online undergraduate program.