A Message From Our New Chair

Dr. Lesley Reid

After the very warm welcome I have received since moving to Tuscaloosa, I am so pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to the first Department of Criminal Justice newsletter of the year. I began as Chair of the Criminal Justice Department in July, having moved to the University of Alabama after 14 years on the faculty of Georgia State University. I have strong ties to the University, though. My husband is a 1993 graduate of UA, as is father and one of his brothers (the other brother is an Auburn grad, but we don't like to talk about that). I myself come from the land without football, having received my BA from Wake Forest University and my MA and PhD both from Tulane University. I haven't been in the Department long, but I have been here long enough to witness the great things happening here. Last year, over 120 students graduated with Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice. Check out page six for updates on what a few of them are doing now. And this fall, we have over 700 majors and pre-majors. As our student body grows, so does our faculty. Two new assistant professors join me as newcomers to the University. You can read about their work on this page. And we are in the process of hiring another assistant professor and an associate professor to join our faculty next fall. This is an exciting time to be part of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama and I invite you to continue your involvement or become more involved as an alumni or friend of the Department.

Dr. Joshua Wakeham

Dr. Wakeham's work examines how the demands of bureaucratic organizational life shape people's understandings of & responses to social problems. In particular, his research focuses on organizations that work with juvenile delinquents. Dr. Wakeham draws on various intellectual traditions in his work, including organizational studies, cultural sociology, cognitive psychology, the sociology of knowledge, & anthropology. His interests include organizational behavior, justice and morality, knowledge and cognition, cultural sociology, and social theory. He received a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University in 2012 & did his undergraduate work at Williams College. In his spare time, Dr. Wakeham keeps busy with his two young daughters, AnnaSophia and Julietta.

Dr. Matthew Dolliver

Dr. Dolliver's areas of expertise include gendered criminology, research methodology, and statistical modeling. His areas of research also includes the study of macro-level trends in small arms trafficking. He teaches undergraduate-level classes in research methodology and forensic science. Dr. Dolliver has presented his research at national conferences and enjoys collaborating with scholars around the world. He is an avid Celtics and Patriots fan, and enjoys spending time with his family.
**RESEARCH**

This year Dr. Adam Lankford had two articles published in Behavioral and Brain Sciences, one of the highest ranked journals in all of the social sciences. He was invited by Harvard University psychologist Steven Pinker and ASU theoretical physicist Lawrence Krauss to be one of 15 scholars who participated in a three day interdisciplinary workshop on “The Origins of Violence: From the Brain to World Wars.” Other attendees included Harvard University primatologist Richard Wrangham, University of Pennsylvania criminologist Adrian Raine, and Israeli military historian Azar Gat. Additionally, in April 2014, Dr. Lankford was invited to be a plenary speaker at The American Association of Suicidology conference in Los Angeles, where he presented his research findings on suicide terrorists, rampage shooters, and other self-destructive killers.

**HONORS**

The 2014 UA Awards Luncheon for the Center for Community Based Partnerships was held in April 2014 in the Bryant Conference Center. Sociology students from the CJ Department partnered with the West Alabama AIDS Outreach. SOC 360 students (sociology of HIV/AIDS) met with WAAO clients for lunch, fun, and games for the purpose of stigma reduction. Dr. Bronwen Lichtenstein received a UA award for the project.

Dr. Mark Lanier’s paper on human trafficking was recognized as Best Paper at the International Society of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research, Spring 2014 Conference. The conference was held in Biloxi, Mississippi, and chaired by Randall Valentine, Ph.D. Lanier’s “A Mixed Methods Analysis of Human Trafficking” was co-authored with Colin Farrell, an Assistant Professor in Health & Human Services at Western Kentucky University.

Douglas Klutz, a full-time instructor in the Department of Criminal Justice, was recently recognized by The University of Alabama’s Academic Advisors Association (UA-AAA) for his “Outstanding Commitment to Advising.” Doug is well-known by the students as the one and only advisor for the department.

**BENEFACTORS**

Contributions to the Department of Criminal Justice go towards ensuring our faculty’s ability to work on the cutting-edge of criminological and sociological research and our students’ ability to learn in the most scholarly environment possible. We appreciate the benevolence of our alumni and friends.

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Student Organizations

Cyber Crime Club
The primary focus of The University of Alabama CyberCrime Club is to educate students on current topics in the digital world, including cybercrime, cybersecurity, and digital forensics. The CyberCrime club’s mission is also to inform students of the different internships, careers, and graduate school programs available to students who have an interest in cybercrime. The CyberCrime Club has hosted a variety of guest speakers, including Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, and Homeland Security Investigations, as well as digital forensic examiners from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task force of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and The UAPD.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Seigfried-Spellar
President: Sam Powell Vice President: Rachel Olson Treasurer: Greg Bowen Secretary: Christiana Carr

Alpha Phi Sigma
The Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society is devoted to promoting academic excellence and leadership through campus programs and community outreach. Alpha Phi Sigma is open to all CJ majors and minors who have completed a minimum of 12 hours of CJ coursework and maintained minimum GPA requirements of 3.25 for undergraduates and 3.4 for graduate students. Meetings are held bimonthly to plan events and discuss issues and concerns about academic careers. Each year Alpha Phi Sigma hosts a career fair attended by local, state, and federal agencies within the CJ profession.

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Ariane Prohaska
President: Hunter Pierce Vice President: Sarah McCullough Secretary/Treasurer: KeAirra Green

Criminal Justice Student Association
As a campus-wide, student-led organization, the Criminal Justice Student Association is comprised of UA undergraduate and graduate students who share a common interest: all things criminal justice! Through the various guest speakers, tours, community service projects, and “brown bags” it sponsors, Membership in CJSA is not bound by major or program of study; any UA student may join. Faculty Advisor: Dr. Doug Klutz
President: John Holmes Vice President: Sam Jordan
At time of printing, 2014-15 Secretary & Treasurer have not been decided.

Associated Organizations
Mock Trial Program: The University of Alabama’s Mock Trial Team is hosted by the Departments of Criminal Justice and Political Science. The program is open to everyone; it allows students to combine their interdisciplinary strengths from Criminal Justice, Political Science, Pre-Law, Psychology, Communications, History, and more.

Moot Court Program: Students who are interested in attending graduate school or law school and becoming a lawyer or criminal justice practitioner are encouraged to join the Moot Court Team! Moot Court gives students the opportunity to act as attorneys, brief a famous court case and present cases to a panel of judges. The program is open to all University students, regardless of major.
The Scott Deaton Endowed Scholarship in Criminal Justice was established to honor the memory of Scott Deaton and to promote academic excellence for students majoring in criminal justice in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama. Students who received this award are considered to be in good academic standing during their junior and senior year while majoring in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama. In addition, these students come from state comprising the members of the Southeastern Athletic Conference. Consideration of the award is determined by outstanding leadership abilities. 2014 awardees include Katlyn Strickland and Brian Lundberg.

The James (Bo) Robertson Distinguished Undergraduate Award for Highest Academic Performance is presented to students who have demonstrated superior academic performance and who are majoring in criminal justice in the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Alabama. Awardees receive a one-time $200 scholarship. The 2014 winner is Alison Owen.

The Chairperson’s Award of Merit is a $200 scholarship awarded annually to a student who is chosen by the Department Chair. The 2014 winner is Lakeidra Mims.

The Criminal Justice Scholarship is worth $200 and is awarded annually. The 2014 winner is Jasmine Jordan.

CJ Students Awarded at Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference, Spring 2014

Momoko Suma
International Focus Winner
Faculty Mentor: Ariane Prohaska, Criminal Justice

Poster Presentation – Social Sciences
The comparison of the homelessness in Japan and the United States

Ms. Danielle Crimmins and Dr. Kate Seigfried-Spellar won best paper at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research (IOSSBR) conference. Ms. Crimmins was an undergraduate student in the Department of Criminal Justice who completed an independent research study with Dr. Seigfried-Spellar that resulted in a publication: “Peer Attachment, Sexual Experiences, & Risky Online Behaviors as Predictors of Sexting Behaviors among Undergraduate Students.” Ms. Crimmins presented the co-authored paper at the IOSSBR conference held in Las Vegas on October 13-14, 2014.
“My degree in Criminal Justice has helped me to pursue my dreams in law enforcement. After graduating, I accepted a job with the Dallas Police Department. I am now attending a 9 month police academy with the 9th largest police department in the nation. I plan to graduate in April 2015.”

Dashad Young
Spring 2014 Graduate

“I am currently in my first year of law school at the University of Alabama with hopes to one day pursue a career in criminal law.”

Katlyn Stricklend
Spring 2014 Graduate

“I am currently enrolled in the MSW Program at the University of Alabama where my primary focus is adolescence. After receiving my masters I will become a forensic interviewer. My hopes are to return to school after years in the workforce to receive my Ph.D. in law. My research will be on community engagement within impoverished communities. My long term goal is to own my own non-profit organization & serve orphaned youth.”

Lakeidra Mims
Spring 2014

Debra Bowling
Masters Program Graduate

After graduating from the Criminal Justice Masters program in 1977, Debra Bowling began a career in social work and also worked in photography and documentary film-making. Plunging into a new field, Debra is proud to announce the release of her first novel entitled The Memory of Flight. The novel is set to debut on December 1, 2014.