



# Department of Criminal Justice

## Fall 2002 Newsletter

### DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S COLUMN: A DEBUT

If you haven't been in the office lately, you may not know your new department chair. I am Celia Lo, and when I last walked these halls I was a graduate student, earning master's and doctoral degrees in sociology at UA. A cherished goal of mine since returning here is the reestablishment of the major program in sociology. I have been away from Tuscaloosa since 1993, establishing myself as a researcher and administrator. I first joined the faculty of Central Michigan University's Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Department, serving as an assistant professor for three years. Following that, in six years on the sociology faculty at the University of Akron, I was awarded tenure and the rank of associate professor. This August, I was graciously welcomed back to UA by the Arts and Sciences faculty and administrative staff. Coming

"home" has been an exciting and yet nostalgic occasion.

I want to make an appeal for input that I consider too important to bury in a conclusion: Would you help a newcomer (of sorts) learn how it is that our students feel about the department? about assistance that would bring them closer to a degree? about any help they could use in beginning their careers? Alumni, you particularly are in a good position to advise me on the latter. If you are in Tuscaloosa, please look me up. The department, I feel, has a legitimate interest in the paths you take. It would be a pleasure to share ideas by phone or email as well: (205) 348-3162 or [CLO@UA.EDU](mailto:CLO@UA.EDU).

A big change for UA since 1993 is the respect outsiders have come to grant it. In each of the past two years, *U. S. News and World Report* ranked the University among the top 50 public universities, which really gratifies us here in the Department. The

hard work of the University faculty has paid off — and we in the Department of Criminal Justice vow to do even better.

You, our associates, have so many reasons to be proud of this department. Our faculty has done an outstanding job in the dissemination and development of knowledge concerning criminology and criminal justice. The research studies our faculty conduct are being reported in professional journals and books. Our graduates are working in their chosen professions and studying in the nation's respected professional schools and social science graduate programs. We — the department's faculty, students, and alumni — contribute actively in our communities large and small. I hope that you are, as I am, very proud to have a stake in such a successful group.

Finally, I wish to thank Ms. Brenda Parsons for putting together this newsletter.

## Department News...

As many of you know, Dr. John Smykla left the Department of Criminal Justice last summer. Fortunately, Dr. John Clark has stepped in full-time to pick up those courses that had been assigned to Dr. Smykla. We also have the good fortune to have retired FBI agent Randall Farmer with the department this fall, teaching a law enforcement class. Mr. Farmer's real-life experiences bring him a perspective that is important for students to encounter.

In spring 2003, the department will grow with two additional part-time instructors, taking on courses in corrections and criminological theory. One has lengthy experience in institutional and community-based corrections. The other brings along liberal experience in undergraduate teaching.

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## **Publications**

### ***Ida Johnson***

- ◆ Johnson, I. M. (with R. T. Sigler and E. F. Morgan). 2003. "Forced Sexual Intercourse: Contemporary Views. In Roslyn Muraskin (ed.). *It's a Crime: Women and Justice* (2nd edition). Prentice Hall.
- ◆ Johnson, I. M. (with R. T. Sigler). (2002). "Reporting Violent Acts to the Police: A Difference by Race". *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 25(2), 274-293.
- ◆ "Student Threats." In David Levinson (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*, vol.4. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication. (2002).
- ◆ "Marital and Date Rape." In David Levinson (ed), *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication. (2002).

### ***Celia Lo***

- ◆ Lo, Celia C., and Richard C. Stephens. 2002. "The Role of Drugs in Crime: Insights from a Group of Incoming Prisoners." *Substance Use and Misuse* 37(1): 123-133.
- ◆ Lo, Celia C., and Richard C. Stephens. 2002. "Arrestees' Perceived Need for Substance-Specific Treatment: Exploring Urban-Rural Differences." *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*. 28(4): 623-642.
- ◆ "An Application of Social Conflict Theory to Arrestees' Use of Cocaine and Opiates." Forthcoming. *Journal of Drug Issues*.

### ***Robert Sigler***

- ◆ "Law Enforcement Partnership in Community Corrections: An Evaluation of Juvenile Offender Curfew Checks", with Marshal Alan Jones, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 30, 245-256, 2002.
- ◆ "Attitudes Toward Violence and Reporting Violent Acts to the Police," with Ida Johnson, *Policing: An International Journal*, 25(2), 273-274, 2002.
- ◆ "Forced Sexual Intercourse: Contemporary Views." (with Ida Johnson and Etta Morgan). In Roslyn Muraskin (ed.), *It's a Crime: Women and Justice*, 2nd edition. Prentice Hall. 349-366, 2000. Revised and reprinted in the 3rd edition, 2003, PP 363-379.
- ◆ "Sentencing Into the Twenty-First Century: Sentence Enhancement and Life-Without-Parole" with Etta Morgan-Sharp. In Roslyn Muraskin (Ed.) *Visions for Change: Crime and Justice in the Twenty-First Century*. Prentice Hall, 237-252, 1996. Reprinted in revised edition 1998, 351-366. Reprinted in the revised edition 2002.

### ***Richard Spano***

- ◆ "Concerns About Safety, Observer Sex, and the Decision to Arrest: Evidence of Reactivity in a Large-Scale Observational Study of Police." Manuscript currently under review. *Criminology*.
- ◆ "Observer Behavior as a Cause of Reactivity: Describing Observer Effects in a Large-Scale Observational Study of Police." Manuscript currently under review. *Justice Quarterly*.
- ◆ "Deviant Lifestyles, Social Guardianship, and Social Isolation: Explaining Violent Victimization of Rural Adolescents Living in Poverty." Manuscript to be submitted to *Criminology*.
- ◆ "Specifying Reactivity as Behavioral Change: Descriptive Accounts and a Multivariate Assessment of Reactive Effects in a Large-Scale Observational Study of Police." Manuscript to be submitted to *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* for review.
- ◆ "Does Reactivity Dissipate Over the Course of Fieldwork?" Manuscript to be submitted to *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* for review.

### ***John Watkins***

- ◆ *War Crimes and War Crime Trials: From Leipzig to the ICC, Cases, Materials and Comments*, (co-authored with John Paul Weber) (Forthcoming, Spring, 2004).
- ◆ *Juvenile Justice: Rehabilitation, Rights, and Punitive Social Control: A Jurisprudential Anthology*, (Book of Selected Readings, post-1975) (Forthcoming, Fall, 2004/Spring, 2005).

## **Presentations**

### ***Celia Lo***

- ◆ "Theory, Research, and Practice in Corrections." The Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association Annual Meeting, Akron, Ohio, June 2002.
- ◆ Celia C. Lo, and Richard C. Stephens. November 2002. "Arrestees' Perceived Needs for Substance-Specific Treatment: Exploring Urban-Rural Differences." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

### ***Robert Sigler***

- ◆ "Forced Sexual Intercourse in a Courtship Context: Testing a Preliminary Model" with Ida Johnson, presented to the Southern Association of Criminal Justice, September, 2002, Clearwater, Florida.
- ◆ "The Effect of Alcohol on Victim's Inhibitions and Responses" with Ida Johnson (lead author), presented to the Southern Association of Criminal Justice, September, 2002, Clearwater, Florida.
- ◆ "Gender and Language: Interpretations and Consequences, with Etta Morgan (lead author) presented to the Southern Association of Criminal Justice September, 2002, Clearwater, Florida.

### ***Richard Spano***

- ◆ "Disentangling the Effects of Violent Victimization and Exposure to Violence on the Violent Behavior of Inner City Youth Living in High Poverty Neighborhoods." Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development. March 2002.
- ◆ "Potential Sources of Observer Bias and the Validity of Police Observational Data" Manuscript to be submitted to *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. Also paper to be presented at the 2002 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology.

## **Professional Activities**

### ***Celia Lo***

- ◆ Invited Expert: The National Anti-Drug Media Campaign, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, at <http://www.DrugStory.org>, 2001-Present.
- ◆ Session Chair/Presider: *Sociology of Deviance*, I, II, and III, North Central Sociological Association Meetings, April 2002.
- ◆ Session Chair: *Drug Treatment: Context and Impact*, American Society of Criminology Meetings, November 2002.

### ***John Watkins***

- ◆ Member, Committee on Criminal Justice, Alabama State Bar Association, Montgomery, AL, (New ASB Committee established in 2001-2002).

### ***Jimmy Williams***

- ◆ Currently serving as Graduate Director of Criminal Justice
- ◆ Currently serving as Interim Chair of Communicative Disorders

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## Editorial Activities

### *Celia Lo*

- ◆ Associate Editor for Sociological Focus (2001-Present).

## Research

### *Ida Johnson*

- ◆ Interests are family violence, date rape, female offenders. Dr. Johnson is currently working on a research study that examines the relationship between victim inhibitions and alcohol use during date rape. In addition, she is researching family violence victims' perceptions of how helpful law enforcement officers are when they are contacted for assistance.

### *Jimmy Williams*

- ◆ Submitted for publication, with graduate students, manuscripts on law enforcement officers and use of force.
- ◆ Forthcoming: manuscripts on drug courts, and drugs and crime.

## *Alumni and Friends*

**Sarah Powell graduated from our Master's Program in May, 2002. She is now Education Specialist for Rape Response, a program of The Crisis Center in Birmingham, AL.**

## Gifts to the Department

For many years, affiliates of the Department of Criminal Justice have supported the University of Alabama and its students through financial gifts. Supporters know how much the University relies on them. But how many know that direct contributions to the Department of Criminal Justice are welcome – and quite appropriate. New department chair Dr. Celia Lo has made it a priority to acquire funds which will establish scholarships to ease financial burdens on deserving undergraduates and graduate students. Such scholarships boost the department's recruiting efforts, which are vital if goals for growth and diversification are to be met in the department.

Please consider making a financial gift in any amount. It can be deducted in your tax report, as federal and state laws allow. To direct your gift to the department, please make your check payable to University of Alabama, Department of Criminal Justice. Return to the Development Office, UA College of Arts and Sciences, Box 870268, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. Dr. Lo and the criminal justice faculty thank you for your generosity.

## OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS...

**Steve Alfred** received his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama in August of 2000.

**Marisa Allison** is originally from Huntsville, AL. She received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Judson College in 2001 and is currently in her second year of graduate work at UA. Marisa teaches Introduction to Criminal Justice as a GTA. She also is an instructor of tap, ballet, and jazz at a local dance studio. Marisa plans to begin work on her Ph.D. next fall.

**Kiristen Baker** is from Mobile, AL. She graduated from John L. LeFlore High School and attended Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, AL, where she majored in Pre-Law. In June of 1998 she transferred to UA to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Political Science. She graduated in August of 2000. After a year of work, Kiristen began graduate school in the Criminal Justice Department. She plans to apply to law school following her anticipated graduation in December of 2002. Kiristen's hobbies are shopping, going to church, going out to dinner, movies, reading, and learning to play the piano.

**Shawanda Bettis** graduated from UA in May, 1998, with a degree in Criminal Justice.

**Dia Brannen** earned a B.A. degree from the University of Georgia in December of 1998. Her major was Psychology.

**Amanda Bush** graduated from the University of Alabama this past spring with a double major in English and Criminal Justice.

**Bryant Carter** enrolled at the University of Alabama in the fall of 1997 and became a member of the basketball staff. In 1999, he graduated with a B. S. in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. Bryant began taking graduate classes in the fall of 1999 while working full-time for the Athletic Department. He is now in the Criminal Justice Department and plans to graduate in the fall of 2003. Bryant's career interests are in the area of Federal Probation. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing golf.

**Denise Franklin** completed her B.S. degree at Alabama A & M University in August of 2000.

**Jerald Freeman, Jr.** received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Computer Applications and Technology. He is currently attending UA to obtain his Master's of Science in Criminal Justice. In the future, he plans to obtain a Ph.D. in a social science discipline and possibly one day earn a Juris Doctorate in order to practice law or consult. Jerald loves to spend his leisure time having a good laugh with friends and family, shopping, and learning about the latest and newest features in automobiles.

**Todd Gallagher** is from Springfield, Virginia, a suburb of Washington D. C. He received his undergraduate degree in Sports Management from the University of Tennessee. Todd is working as a Graduate Assistant with the University Recreation Program while pursuing his master's degree.

**Brenda Gibson** received a B.A. degree from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa in May of 1998.

**Anna Hill** graduated from UA in the spring of 1996 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology.

**Charles Horne** received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in English. After graduating in May of 2003, Charles plans to enter a Ph. D. program in Criminology. In his spare time, Charles enjoys writing short stories and screenplays.

**Della Jackson** graduated from Stillman College in May of 1995.

**Ebony Johnson** received a B. A. in Psychology from Tuskegee University. She is from Oklahoma City, OK. She plans to work in the juvenile justice system when she graduates.

**Veronica Johnson** completed her undergraduate degree at Alabama A&M University in May of 2001.

**Valerie Minor** graduated from Judson College in 2001 with a B. A. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. She is now in her second year as a master's student in Criminal Justice at UA. Valerie currently works for the University, teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice as a teaching assistant. She also works as a loss prevention associate off-campus. She plans to apply to various Ph.D. programs and also look into the criminal justice career field upon graduation.

**Reva Palmer** graduated *cum laude* in May 2001 from Alabama A&M University with a major in Political Science. She plans to complete her master's degree in December 2002 and is interested in federal law enforcement.

**Walter Patton** is originally from Tuscaloosa. He graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1974. In 1975, he joined the U. S. Navy and served for 24 years. Walter retired in April of 1999 as a chief petty officer. In June of 1999, he entered the University of Alabama to major in Telecommunication and Film. Later, he changed his major to Criminal Justice with TCF as his minor. In 2001, Walter was named a Ronald McNair Scholar. He has conducted and published original research on juvenile waivers to adult court. In May 2002, he graduated *cum laude*. Walter currently works for Super Target Stores as an asset protection executive. His ultimate career goal is to successfully complete a doctoral program and become a security consultant.

**Patrice Plungis** received her B. S. in Mortuary Science and Post-Bachelor Certificate in Forensic Investigation from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She plans to complete her M.S. in Criminal Justice this spring. After this, she will head toward the mid-west to work as a medical examiner or in some area of forensic science.

**Darinda Poe** graduated from Alabama A&M University in May of 2002.

**Jennifer Spillers** is from Carrollton, AL, a small town in Pickens County. She received her undergraduate degree here at the University of Alabama with a major in Psychology. In her leisure time, she enjoys relaxing and watching movies.

**Colleen Walker** received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in August of 1999 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in English.

**Brandy Waters** graduated from the University of Alabama in December of 2000 with a major in Communicative Disorders and a minor in Psychology.

**Lee Whatley** will receive his B. S. degree in Business Administration with a minor in CS from UA this fall and will begin his master's work full-time in the spring. He would like to work for the FBI/CIA/NSA doing computer security work or systems administration. His leisure activities include enjoying the outdoors and playing various musical instruments.

**Roschelle Winston** received her undergraduate degree from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, in May of 1997.

**Lisa Young** is a life-long resident of Tuscaloosa. She says, "Because I am so much older than the majority of the students in the department, I don't consider myself a *traditional student*." After Lisa completes her graduate studies, she plans to work in either corrections or some aspect of the courts. She is currently the Vice-President of Alpha Phi Sigma, the honor society for Criminal Justice. Outside of the classroom, Lisa is a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She enjoys spending time with Onissha, her eleven-year-old little sister. Jefferson Chapel CME Church in Moundville, is her home church where she serves as secretary. In *all* of the rest of her spare time, she enjoys relaxing with her girlfriends and shopping.

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