

“Justice, Law & Society”

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A Common Bond: **Involvement**

Ken Fetzer



Ken Fetzer enrolled at The University of Alabama as a criminal justice major in 1988. He attributes his success to his active involvement in the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA), while studying for his undergraduate degree.

Through my participation in CJSA, I was one of the first employees of the University of Alabama Escort Service--a rape prevention service on campus. Because of my criminal justice internship with the local Juvenile Court, I was able to gain employment immediately upon my graduation in 1990 as a probation officer. I have been employed as a probation officer for the last 23 years. In 1997, I started working on my Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree at The University of Alabama as a part-time student in the Practitioners' Program. I was inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society in 1998 and completed my graduate degree in 2001. Currently, I am employed by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Parole as the District Manager for a seven county region headquartered in Tuscaloosa. Maintaining ties with the Criminal Justice Department has been an important part of my career development.

Susan Penrod



Susan Penrod started UA in Fall 2007. By the first semester of her sophomore year, she started to get involved with the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA), working with faculty and staff to set up guest speakers and activities.

By my second year in the department I was in charge of CJSA. While managing CJSA, I approached the University of Alabama Police Department to see if there were any volunteer opportunities for students to get to know the officers. From that initial meeting, I was offered a job with the Department, keeping up with reports and files in the Criminal Investigations Division. I worked for UAPD from Dec. 2009 until Dec. 2011 and during that time I made many friends within the department, gained invaluable experience, and made connections that I never would have made otherwise. I completed my internship during my senior year with the Tuscaloosa County Metro Homicide Unit where I was able to network with officers from all local departments. Then in December 2013 I started working as an officer with the Tuscaloosa Police Department. I strongly believe that if I had not been a part of the CJ Department, CJSA, and worked with the University of Alabama Police Department, I would not be where I am today. If there is any advice I can give to other students it would be to GET INVOLVED!

Michele Bishop



Michele Bishop became a Criminal Justice major in 1994. While in the department Michele was involved with CJSA, Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

While working on my undergraduate degree, the CJ Department helped me with enrollment in two internships programs. One in my Junior year with the State of Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and the other in my Senior year with the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. Then, upon graduation, in May 1997 I was offered a position as a Deputy with the Sheriff's Office and also offered a Graduate Teaching Assistantship with the CJ Department. I was able to take advantage of both opportunities by working at the jail while attending graduate school. Today I work for the State of Alabama Department of Corrections in Montgomery. I am assigned to the Central Classification Division. I coordinate the classification of inmates at three ADOC facilities across the state. The exciting thing about my job is that each day presents a new opportunity to view and evaluate the real world application of how we deal with offenders, sentencing, rehabilitation, recidivism, re-entry, public safety and the mounting issues of prison overcrowding and violence. It's an ongoing opportunity for growth and for the inception of innovative ideas for reform. My decision to work in Corrections is one that I wouldn't trade and I look forward to being a part of the exciting changes taking place in the field today. Also, because of my ties with CJ I have enjoyed returning to the department as a guest speaker and often have the opportunity to work with many of my former colleagues.

Fresh Faculty Faces



..... Liana Pennington

Dr. Pennington's research examines how lay people experience the legal process and whether they perceive the criminal justice system as fair and effective. Her work currently looks at how parents experience the juvenile delinquency court and how jurors' trust in the police and courts affects their decision-making. She practiced law for three years as a public defender in New Hampshire before returning for her doctorate. Dr. Pennington received her Ph.D. in Law, Policy, and Society from Northeastern University and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. Her undergraduate degree is from Hampshire College. She teaches courses relating to Law and Society, Criminal Law and Procedure, and Criminology.

Diana Dolliver

Dr. Dolliver's research examines socio-cultural aspects of cybercrime, transnational organized crime, and drug trafficking, and the existing links between these criminal phenomena. Her areas of research also include matters of cyber security, policing, and police use of force in the U.S. and in Eastern Europe. She has presented her research internationally, to include conferences in Poland and China. Dr. Dolliver enjoys working closely with members of law enforcement in the U.S. and abroad, in addition to collaborating with scholars from around the world on issues of comparative crime. In her spare time, she enjoys playing ice hockey and is an avid Carolina Hurricanes fan.



..... Carmen Burkhalter

Dr. Burkhalter is serving as interim chair while the department searches for a new department chair. Since Dr. Burkhalter was appointed interim chair, in August 2013, she has particularly enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills and help junior faculty succeed. When she is not in the department of criminal justice she is in the department of communicative disorders. Currently she is working on a project where she is collecting data about hearing and health and social interactions in rural Alabama. Dr. Burkhalter comes to CJ after having spent almost 13 years as the Associate Dean in the Dean's Office in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Your CJ Staff

The Criminal Justice Staff is committed to your success. Brenda Parsons has been with the department for 15 years and manages the administrative side of the department. Her concentrations include assisting the Undergraduate Committee, aiding undergraduate students in advising, maintaining the budgets, and supporting faculty. Kelly Kinder came to the office in November 2013 as a Program Assistant. She assists with the Graduate Program, department development, technical training, and special projects. Ms. Kinder also assists with the implementation of the Cyber Initiative.



Familiar Faculty Faces



Instructor

Intro To Sociology
Sociology of
Sexuality
Social Psychology

Tiffany Guidry



Instructor

Racial Minorities,
Criminality, and
Social Justice
History of Crime
and Its Treatment

Ebony Johnson



Professor

Criminological
Theories
Corrections
Domestic Violence
Danger & Disorder
History of Crime
and Its Treatment

Ida Johnson



Instructor

Internship
Intro Criminal
Justice
Academic Advising

Douglas Klutz



Professor

Epidemiological
Criminology
Research Methods
Cyber Crime
Terrorism

Mark Lanier



Associate
Professor

Terrorism
Homeland Security
Law Enforcement

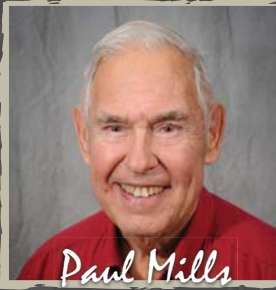
Adam Lankford



Professor

Body Politics
Health and Crime
Law and Society
Sociology of
HIV/AIDS

Bronwen Lichtenstein



Instructor

Analysis of Social
Problems
Social Psychology
Sociology
Social Research &
Statistics

Paul Mills



Instructor

Social Research
Social Statistics
Statistics

Lin Olin



Assistant
Professor

Gender & Society
Gender & Crime
Social Inequality
Sociology of
Poverty

Ariane Prohaska



Assistant
Professor

Cyber Crime
Cyber Forensics
Research Methods
Statistics

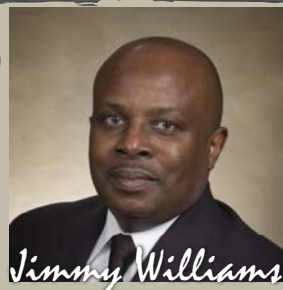
Kate Seigfried-Spellman



Instructor

Social Stratification
Sociological
Theory
Theories of Power

Megan Swindal



Associate Professor | Judicial Process,
Statistics, and Minorities and Criminal Justice

Faculty Highlights

Jimmy Williams will now be a full-time faculty member with CJ. After working in the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences for 10 years as the Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs, Dr. Jimmy Williams is back within the Department of Criminal Justice... full time! Since coming back on board, Dr. Williams has been serving as Undergraduate Director and works diligently with the Undergraduate Committee to enhance the curriculum to meet the needs of the students in the ever-growing department. He is pleased to be back advising students and assisting with research projects. One thing he missed the most was working with students conducting research related to the judicial process and providing service to the students. Being in CJ full time, Dr. Williams feels he will have a greater impact on student life and will also have more time to make a difference by being a part of more committees within the department and the College.

Jimmy Williams



Instructor | Interests in teaching are Serial Killers and Juvenile Delinquency

Faculty Highlights

Lauren Yearout's paper [Sex Behind Bars](#) was submitted and accepted for inclusion in the program for the 2014 International Conference on the Rule of Law in an Era of Change: Security, Social Justice and Inclusive Governance. The conference, sponsored by The John Jay College, will be held in Athens, Greece this June. The theme is reflective of the array of political, social and economic transformations that pose critical challenges to individual and collective welfare. This conference will provide an interdisciplinary forum for scholars, government officials, and other representatives including civic leaders, to critically discuss current rule of law-related research, policies, and practices. During the conference, participants will explore ways of strengthening the rule of law in all forms of governance and engage with pressing demands for social justice. Ms. Yearout is a Part-time Instructor with the Criminal Justice Department. She teaches a variety of classes including, Juvenile Delinquency, Serial Killers, Seminar in Corrections and Introduction to Sociology.

Lauren Yearout

CJ Internships

The internship program in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Alabama enables undergraduate students the ability to obtain valuable real-world work experiences, and exceptional networking opportunities with agencies related to the criminal justice system. The only prerequisite for the internship course (CJ 395) is Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJ 100).

The maximum amount of credit hours undergraduate students can complete in CJ 395 currently stands at 12 total credit hours. Students could complete up to four different 3-credit hour internships throughout their undergraduate career. Six of these credit hours can apply to the elective hours required for the CJ major. The additional 6 credit hours will apply as general elective credits toward the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation.

The internship course is not just limited to Criminal Justice majors and minors. Anyone who has taken CJ 100 can complete an internship in a criminal justice related field placement. If you are interested in pursuing law school, an internship at a law firm or district attorney's office may make you more competitive from an experience standpoint on law school applications.

There are a number of different internship opportunities available with CJ 395, and the program is not limited to the greater Tuscaloosa area. Interns all across the country have completed internships with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, private security firms, and legal-related organizations.

In today's job market, real-world experience and professional networking opportunities are critical in attaining employment post-graduation. Many CJ 395 interns were hired on with the agency upon successful completion of their internships. The internship course is available every semester, including both summer sessions.

TIPS

Apply Early

Apply at least 6-8 months in advance.

Develop a Working Résumé

This will be necessary during the interview process with the field placement.

Complete Multiple Internships

The experience will pay dividends as you begin your professional career!

Interested in the internship program?

Want to discuss different options specifically tailored to your career aspirations?

Email Doug Klutz at douglas.klutz@ua.edu

**An internship is not required of all CJ majors.*

First Class CJ Ambassadors

After submitting my application, with nearly 200 other applicants, I was fortunate enough to be selected for an interview. The Dean's Office selected and interviewed 70 qualified students so I am very honored I received an email that welcomed me as an Ambassador. I enjoy meeting new people and networking and wanted to contribute my skills and talents to the College of Arts and Sciences to help the Ambassadors thrive. I also wanted to have the opportunity to

show others the passion I have for my school in hopes of inspiring them to be prospective students.



Brittini Lucas

It is very rewarding being able to work events and serve as an Ambassador for my college. I have participated in many projects where I served as an Ambassador. One of my favorite events was when I had the opportunity to meet with a group of high school students that was interested in attending The University of Alabama. I was able to share my wonderful experience as a student of UA with the students and parents and answer their questions about the the University of Alabama.

It is definitely an honor to know I am one of the first Ambassadors for Criminal Justice. I think it is important for a group to have diverse students from departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. It shows the Criminal Justice Department can be represented in many ways. It also reflects on how much the Ambassador Program has grown – it truly has a diverse group of great people. I hope this can be the start of having more Criminal Justice students represent as Ambassadors.

I made the decision to attend UA in part because of my experience during Capstone Scholars Day and with the Ambassadors I encountered. When the College sent an email to Arts and Sciences students with information on the Ambassador Program, and how to apply, I immediately submitted my application. I was selected for an interview and soon after notified of my acceptance into the organization. I have met great people and been a part of rewarding opportunities. I wanted to be an Ambassador to share my experiences with prospective students, and participate more heavily in the community in which I am now a part.

The Ambassador program is a great way to get involved on campus. There are a plethora of events and activities throughout the year in which we are involved. Since becoming an Ambassador, I have participated in Paint the Town Red during Homecoming Week, attended the opening of an art exhibit at the new Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center downtown, participated in Beat Auburn/Beat Hunger, and worked with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for families whose homes were damaged during the 2011 tornado. These are only some of the varied opportunities in which Ambassadors are able to contribute.

I was not initially aware that I was one of the first Ambassadors from the department, but I am proud and honored to represent our department. I hope to see more criminal justice students become Ambassadors! It has been a great experience that I would recommend to anyone interested in becoming more involved with the College of Arts and Sciences.



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Master's Student Lands Job as Cyber Security Analyst

Criminal Justice Master's program student Brittany McBride recently accepted a job offer from Southern Company, a leading U.S. producer of clean energy that serves more than 4.4 million customers. Southern Company has nearly 46,000 megawatts of generating capacity and is a licensed operator of three nuclear generating plants, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications. Ms. McBride will be working as a cyber-security systems analyst and will be tasked with preventing online hackers from disabling or disrupting critical infrastructure.

