



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 3-5

*Western Society of
Criminology Conference*
Location: Vancouver, Canada

FEBRUARY 21-26

*American Academy of
Forensic Science Conference*
Location: Chicago, Illinois

MARCH 1-5

*Academy of Criminal Justice
Sciences Conference*
Location: Toronto, Canada

APRIL 9

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
MACJ Comp Exam

MAY 6

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Criminal Justice
Ethics & Accountability*
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CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Criminal Justice Ethics & Accountability

May 6, 2011 • 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Commons, Casey Bldg.

The program will feature panels on a range of topics related to criminal justice ethics and accountability. The panels will highlight faculty research and presentations/discussions by professionals involved in ethics and accountability from policing, corrections, the media, and community justice. Panel topics include regional and national trends, early warning methods, situation context and use of force, and the impact/relevance of public perceptions on criminal justice practice. Panel presenters include Seattle Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) Director Kathryn Olson, OPA Auditor Judge Anne Levinson (ret.), OPA Review Board Chair David Wilma, Executive Director William (Joe) Hawe from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, Seattle City Council member Tim Burgess, King County Sheriff Sue Rahr, ACLU-Washington Deputy Director Jennifer Shaw, Seattle Times Reporters Steve Miletich and Mike Carter, and Dr. Matthew Hickman and Dr. Stephen Rice from the Seattle University Criminal Justice Department.

To register for this continuing education event and earn continuing education credits, please contact Kate Reynolds at (206) 296-5470 or reynoldk@seattleu.edu.



Feminist Criminology

CRJS 521: SPRING 2011

This course will offer students an in-depth examination of feminist theories and research in feminism and criminology. Topics include, but are not limited to: a historical and contemporary overview of the study of gender, victimology, and criminological theory; gender issues in criminal justice; and the application of feminist theory to the study of crime and the criminal justice system. Students will also critically evaluate the role of gender in victimology and criminology, the value and effectiveness of conventional policies within the criminal justice system in the context of gender disparity, misogyny, and women's oppression. This is a course you don't want to miss! Join Dr. King-Stargel for this intriguing and eye opening course in Spring quarter of 2011.



Letter from the Director



ELAINE GUNNISON, Ph.D.

While I am on sabbatical this academic year as Graduate Director, I know you have been in good hands with Dr. Hickman serving as the Interim Graduate Director this year. One of my goals

this academic year was to see that our newsletter got a professional re-design. Thanks to the College of Arts and Sciences for funding the re-design and Two Pollard Design, the design firm, this newsletter has a fresh new look. I hope you are excited about the re-design as I am.

Many of the faculty and several students attended the *American Society of Criminology Conference* in San Francisco, California in November and several faculty and students are heading to the upcoming *Western Society of Criminology Conference* in Vancouver, Canada in February and the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference* in Toronto, Canada in March. The Criminal Justice Department strongly encourages you to present/attend conferences as part of your education at SU. Attending conferences allows you to stay abreast of the current research and issues in discipline as well as affording you the opportunity to build a strong set of networks.

Enjoy your classes this year, and I look forward to working with each of you again in the Fall when I return.

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Elaine Gunnison, Ph.D.
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STUDENT PROFILE

Erin Palmer: Victim Advocate

Erin Palmer first took an interest in becoming bilingual at the age of 4 when she received an Usborne *Around the World in Spanish* book as a pre-school graduation gift. Five years of Spanish classes in junior high and high school led Erin to eventually select Spanish as her major at the University of Idaho and to study abroad in Quito, Ecuador during her Sophomore year in college.

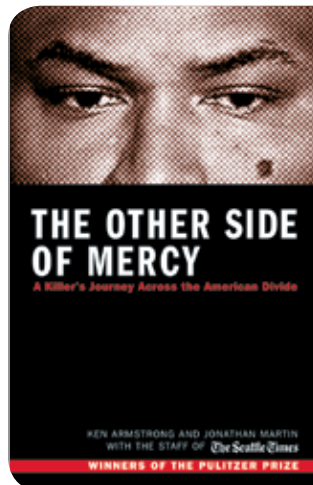


ERIN PALMER AND HER FAMILY.

Her experiences in Ecuador opened her eyes to another world outside of the small-town life Erin had lived up to that point in Moscow, Idaho, and she realized her second passion in life was helping people. After graduating with her BA in Psychology and Spanish in May, 2003, Erin moved to Seattle, WA to be closer to her two older sisters and for the birth of her first nephew. Erin finally landed a job in the social service field in August, 2005, as a Bilingual Legal Advocate at the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), a private, non-profit agency that provides support to victims of sexual assault and their families.

As a Bilingual Legal Advocate, Erin served as a liaison between victims and their families and the detectives and prosecutors handling their cases. Erin values people feeling supported and believed, and enjoys helping her clients understand and navigate the criminal justice system, and she appreciates the constant educational opportunities that her position has provided her to learn more about criminal justice and victimology. In early 2007, Erin began meeting with colleagues at KCSARC to develop a new program called *Dando Voz* (giving voice) that focused on providing all of KCSARC's services in Spanish. Erin has worked to give voice to Spanish-

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Department News

On January 19, 2011, the Criminal Justice Department was pleased to have Ken Armstrong and Jonathan Martin, two Seattle Times Pulitzer Prize winning reporters, provide a presentation on their book, *The Other Side of Mercy*. This book provided a detailed investigation into the Maurice Clemmons case and the deaths of the four Lakewood police officers in 2009.

Student Profile: Erin Palmer (Continued from page 2)

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speaking families who are so courageous to break the silence about sexual abuse despite the hurdles they often face, including fear, shame, cultural and language barriers. Promoted in the spring of 2010, Erin is now the Bilingual Family Services Specialist and the Dando Voz Coordinator at KCSARC. In her new position, Erin conducts all initial assessments with new Spanish-speaking clients and works with Spanish-speaking parents (non-offending) of victims to teach them about the impact of sexual abuse, sex offender grooming techniques, and a variety of parenting skills.

Erin loves communicating in two languages, and speaks Spanish at home with her loving spouse Julio, who is from Guatemala, their 3-year old son, who is already fluent in Spanish and English, and her three stepdaughters. With a lifelong passion for education,

Erin always intended to pursue a master's degree. Through her work at KCSARC, Erin became deeply interested in studying the criminal justice system, and was excited to begin the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program at SU in the fall of 2009. Erin hopes to go on to work in policy development in relation to sexual assault and immigrant victims and offenders. Erin works full time, takes classes full time, and most importantly, spends the rest of her time with her family, attending volleyball and soccer games, taking trips to the park and the library, and practicing music at home. During the recent SU Winter Break, Erin took the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to visit her spouse's relatives, a welcome vacation before her final push to graduate with her MACJ degree at the end of 2011.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Karen Kunde, '09



Seattle University alumna

Karen Kunde has worked in violent crime victim services for 14 years, half of that time with the King County

Prosecuting Attorney's Office. As a victim advocate for the Most Dangerous Offender Project, she assists families of murder victims as they navigate the criminal justice system. Providing information, support and referrals to people when they are at their most vulnerable, improves their ability to access the rights they have as victims. Kunde became interested in victim advocacy when she was a newspaper reporter in Durango, Co., and had the opportunity to cover homicide trials. She was impressed by the teamwork, passion, ethics and professionalism

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FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Elaine Gunnison, Ph.D.

Dr. Gunnison received her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati in 2001 with a specialization in life course criminology, female offending, and corrections. Her research interests include understanding female offending patterns such as desistance and persistence, the applicability of criminological theory to females, and understanding community corrections officers. Her research has been published in *Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law, and Society*, *Federal Probation*, *The Journal of Criminal Justice*, *The Journal of International and Comparative Criminal Justice*, *The Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Women and Criminal Justice*, *The Journal of Police and*

Criminal Psychology, *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *The Western Criminology Review*, *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, *the Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, *the Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, and *the Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World (forthcoming)*. In 2002-2004, she was the principal investigator for a grant entitled, "Persistence in Criminal Offending: An Analysis of Female Offenders" whereby she examined incarcerated females in the state of Nevada. From 2004-2005, she served as principal investigator on a study entitled, "Community Corrections Officers' Perceptions of Ex-Offender Reentry Needs and Challenges." Currently, Dr. Gunnison is serving as the principle investigator for a study entitled,

"An Evaluation of a Day Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington." While on sabbatical, she is examining work release facilities in Washington State and continuing to explore discrete offender groups. She serves as an advisory Board member for the Seattle Work Release Advisory Board (SWAB). In the November 2007 issue of the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, she was listed as 1 of 20 top female scholars in Criminology/Criminal Justice of women coming out of Criminal Justice/Criminology Ph.D. programs in the years 1996-2006. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her two small boys and walking her miniature dachshund. She has a passion for travel and movies that are psychological thrillers.

PROFESSOR A. DAKTARI ALEXANDER — is launching a research investigation on court satisfaction. Pending IRB approval, specifically, he will conduct a survey of court satisfaction among youth who utilize the King County Juvenile Court. If approved, this research investigation will begin in Spring of 2011.

PROFESSOR ELAINE GUNNISON has three entries in the *Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World* (Sage) forthcoming and is working on research examining of work release programs in Washington State and on research exploring discrete offender groups using a life course perspective.

PROFESSOR JACQUELINE HELFGOTT is currently working on a number of collaborative research projects including a study of factors influencing Washington State Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board decisions in determinate-plus sex offender cases and an evaluation of the Seattle Police Department Crisis Intervention Response Team/Mental Health Partnership pilot study and two book projects — *No Remorse: Psychopathy and Criminal Justice* with Sage Publications and *Criminal Psychology*, a three-volume reference set with Praeger Publishers on which she is general editor.

PROFESSOR MATTHEW HICKMAN has an article on forensic evidence retention policies forthcoming in the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, and an article on scholarship networks (with Dr. Rice) forthcoming in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. He is presently working on issues in forensic case processing, and police occupational stress.

PROFESSOR FR. KELLIHER is updating the current trends in "Restorative Justice" within New Zealand, South Africa, and Northern Ireland.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN RICE has an article forthcoming in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* assessing the influence of the social bond on self-control at the moment of decision (with Jeffrey Bouffard, Sam Houston State University) and an article forthcoming in *Deviant Behavior* assessing the cross-cultural implications of variably experienced anger on general strain theory in criminology (with Randall Horton of the SU Department of Psychology; also Nicole Piquero and Alex Piquero of Florida State University).

Student News

DANIEL WALKUP'S daughter, Lily Joy Walkup, arrived at 3:14 AM on 11/20/2010. She was 6lbs., 11oz., and 19.25 in. long.



LILY JOY WALKUP WITH HER MOTHER.

MICHAEL FRIEDMANN'S son, Benjamin Alexander Neupert-Friedmann was born on 11/10/2010. He was 10lbs and 22 in. long.



BENJAMIN ALEXANDER FRIEDMANN.

JUDY POSTON – Almost a decade ago, the Seattle Metals Guild decided to start up an educational outreach program for high school students working in metals and jewelry called *Passing the Torch* (a competition and exhibition).

Judy's son, Corey Poston, designed and crafted a pendant called the *Badge of Honor*, to honor the six police officers killed in Western Washington last year. Each bullet represents one of the officer's lives, with a quote on the inside by James Dean. His necklace has been on display at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma; been featured in *Ornament Magazine* (Vol. 34, No.1 2010), and has been donated to the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center (Police Academy) to be displayed.



COREY POSTON'S BADGE OF HONOR PENDANT.



COURTNEY BUTCHARD

COURTNEY BUTCHARD: On January 13, 2011, Courtney Butchard successfully defended her thesis entitled, "Why Banks Become Victims of Robbery: An Analysis on Target Hardening Characteristics."

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evident in the Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office, which covered a three-county area in Southwest Colorado. She left her 7-1/2 year career as a journalist, and took an entry level records clerk job at the DA's office. She advanced to a legal secretary and then assistant victim services coordinator. She discovered the Pacific Northwest while on vacation, and scouted out a victim services coordinator position for San Juan County, in Friday Harbor, WA. While there, she had the opportunity to attend the National Victim Assistance Academy offered at California State University in Fresno. Part of her decision to move to the Seattle area was the desire to obtain a master's degree, kindled when she attended the academy. She was attracted to SU's commitment to public service, its involvement of criminal justice professionals in crafting its curriculum, and its reputation for academic rigor. She appreciated having an opportunity to research and write about subjects relating to crime victimization, from homeless mentally ill women in this country, to women suffering from terrorism overseas. Kunde's favorite project was an independent study of women perpetrators of terror. She hopes her field will continue to professionalize and grow.