



SU CRIME & JUSTICE BLOTTER

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*MACJ Comprehensive Exam

- April 10, 2010 @ 8:00 a.m. &

- October 9, 2010 @ 8:00 a.m.

* Victims' Rights Week ~

April 18-24, 2010

* MACJ Info Sessions ~

1st Thursday every month
(Oct-March)

* ASC Conference in S.Fran, CA

Nov 17-20, 2010

BACKCHAT

Contributions to the newsletter or feature ideas for upcoming editions can be sent to gunnison@seattleu.edu or mackrell@seattleu.edu.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Continuing Education Program Series -- *Offender Reentry* -- A Success!

Friday, March 5th, 2010, the Criminal Justice Department welcomed CJ practitioners, students, alumni, former offenders, faculty and staff to a continuing education program featuring panels on a range of topics related to offender reentry. The program was an all-day event and included faculty research, programmatic overviews of local offender reentry programs, and presentations by / discussions with former offenders who have made the transition from prison to community life.

Our panels featured faculty from Seattle University, the University of

Washington, Washington State Department of Corrections, King Co. Mental Health, United States Probation, and Interaction Transition. Individuals were in attendance from King Co. Adult & Juvenile Detention, The Federal Defender, The Defender Assoc., as well as a nice mix of current undergraduate and graduate students and alumni.

This event was the first in a series of continuing education programs we will be offering on a range of criminal justice topics. All proceeds benefited Interaction Transition and the SU Criminal Justice Department Scholarship fund.

DISPATCHES

Aloha! Many of the faculty and several of the students recently attended the Western Society of Criminology Conference in Honolulu, HI. WSC was a great opportunity to learn about research being conducted by other faculty and students at universities across the nation. The department strongly encourages you to present/attend conferences as part of your education at SU. We offer a small travel award that can assist in your efforts to travel to conferences. Feel free to contact Devin for the application. Also, in this issue you will learn about several students who have recently presented at conferences or on behalf of the department.



Be sure to join us on Facebook! I really want to get our page active with lively discussions and information about job opportunities. Please join and share your thoughts about any CJ issue or offer information/advice that could assist both current and former students. Finally, all new MACJ students should have made advising appointments with me. If you have not done so, be sure to make your appointment before Spring quarter begins.

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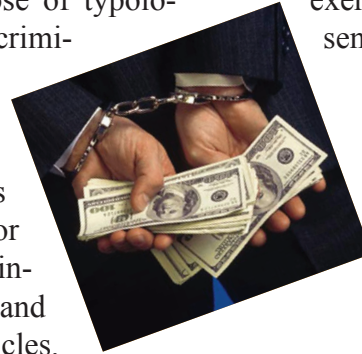
TYPOLOGIES OF CRIME & BEHAVIOR – CRJS 515

Examine criminal behavior from a typologies framework with focus on the application of theory and research on offender types to criminal justice practice.

Central topics include: role of typologies in the criminal justice system and the nature and dynamics of criminal behavior and specific crime types (violent, sex, economic, public order, political, cyber, copycat).

The course is intended to provide students with an understanding of the theory and purpose of typologies of crime and criminal behavior with review of classic and contemporary criminal typologies and criminal behavior research. Readings include a mix of texts and academic journal articles.

Class sessions incorporate lecture, seminar discussion, videos, in-class exercises, and student presentations.



*This course meets
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on
four Saturdays during
Summer Intersession
(August 16-Sept 13th)*

STUDENT PROFILING: IAN LAWSON



Ian Lawson, 2010

Ian Lawson's career aspirations changed almost daily while growing up in a small town in New York, but always had two common denominators: serving others and a healthy dose of excitement. After graduating from Hamilton College in 2003 with a degree in American Studies, Ian bicycled across the

United States and discovered the Pacific Northwest. He decided to relocate to Washington, where he accepted his first law enforcement position patrolling the ocean beaches as a State Park Ranger.

In 2007, motivated by a desire to diversify his work experience, Ian pursued a transfer to the enforcement division of another Washington State agency. While Ian's workplace shifted from peaceful beaches to some of Seattle's less desirable places, he has enjoyed leading investigations, gaining undercover experience, and collaborating with federal and local agencies. In the past 3 years, Ian has had the opportunity to obtain his field training officer and instructor certifications as well.

The move to Seattle has also allowed Ian to attend the Masters in Criminal Justice Program. Ian almost passed

on this incredible opportunity because of a growing desire to serve in the military, but instead has done both by joining Seattle's University ROTC Program. After graduating in June, Ian will take a break from law enforcement and spend the next four years serving as an Army infantry officer. While juggling a job, ROTC responsibilities, and graduate studies has prevented Ian from sleeping much over the past year and a half, he is grateful for all 3 opportunities and has enjoyed the challenge.

When a spare moment does arise, Ian can be found racing triathlons and participating in endurance events such as Run for the Fallen, a cross-country event honoring veterans. He also enjoys community service projects, learning defensive tactics, and chasing his Alaskan Malamute, Matilda, around the dog park.

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USUAL SUSPECTS: JACQUELINE B. HELFGOTT

Jacqueline Helfgott is the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University. She received her PhD and MA in Administration of Justice from Penn State in 1992 and BA from the UW in 1988 in



Jacqueline Helfgott, PhD

Psychology and Society & Justice. Her research interests include psychopathy, institutional and community corrections, prisoner reentry, and restorative justice.

Her work has been published in numerous journals such as the *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, *Federal Probation*, and *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. She has been involved in research and service in correctional settings since 1987. In 1997-2000 she acted as principal investigator on two grants from the Open Society Institute's Center on Crime, Communities and Culture that involved development, implementation, and

evaluation of "Citizens, Victims, and Offenders Restoring Justice" (CVORJ), a prison-based encounter program at the WA State Reformatory that has since been replicated in prisons around the country. She's currently working on a book with Sage Publications -- *No Remorse: Psychopathy and Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Helfgott serves on the Board of Directors of *Interaction Transition* (an ex-offender house in central Seattle) and Virginia Mason Separation and Loss and previously on the Advisory Board for the WA State DSHS SCC. When not working, Dr. Helfgott's time is spent with her daughter, at step aerobics, or training for a marathon.

PAROLED (ALUMNI NEWS): GEORGE DAVISSON

George Davisson has been a patrol officer in the Seattle Police Dept for over nine years, the last two of which he's averaged 3-4 hours of sleep a night --thanks to long hours of study and the arrival of his son Breckin (*a pic of whom graced the very first issue of the CJ Blotter!*) Perseverance paid off and George earned his Criminal Justice Master's Degree with a focus in Investigative Criminology from Seattle University in 2009.

Several years prior, wanting to better himself and improve his career potential, George spoke with fellow SPD officer, James Kim, who was

pursuing a Masters at SU. George's wife, Christi was supportive of his plan to continue his education, even attending a monthly information session in his stead when George had to work.

George lists Ethics & Decision-making, Advanced Criminological Theory, and Investigative Criminology among his favorite classes at SU. He was shocked to discover he enjoyed Statistics and Research Methods, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm of Dr. Hickman. Along with cooking, golfing, attending Seahawks games, and spending time with family, George loves to travel.

He and his family spent 3 weeks of 2009 in Ireland and have plans to visit places such as Hawaii, D.C., Peru and Portugal before the end of 2011. George's current aspirations for SPD are to join a pro-active unit like the Anti Crime Team or a detective position in Narcotics or the Major Crimes Task force.



George Davisson, 2009 Alumnus with son Breckin and wife Christi

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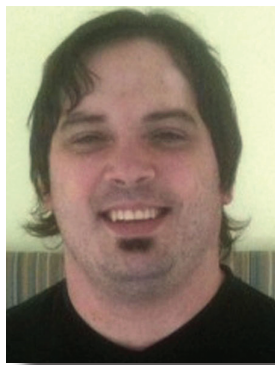
UNDER INVESTIGATION (DEPT. RESEARCH)

- * **Prof. Alexander** -- current projects include the examination of race in the context of the appearance and perceptions of individuals by criminal justice actors and the media that relate to both the devaluation and victimization status of racial minorities, and police misconduct after police line-of-duty-deaths due to violence.
- * **Prof. Gunnison** -- has two encyclopedia entries on the female offending and gendered pathways to delinquency forthcoming in F.T. Cullen & P. Wilcox (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, Sage Publications.
- * **Prof. Helfgott** -- She is co-investigator on several ongoing collaborative research projects including studies on personal transformation process in the aftermath of violent victimization, the impact of actuarial test scores in parole decisions, evaluation of local community corrections initiatives, analysis of crime in the Pike-Pine-Belltown corridor of downtown Seattle, and the copycat effect on criminal behavior.
- * **Prof. Hickman** -- has articles forthcoming on the detection of anomalies in crime statistics (with Prof. Rice in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*) and forensic evidence processing in law enforcement agencies (in *Criminology & Public Policy*).
- * **Prof. Rice** -- his edited volume *Race, Ethnicity and Policing* (NYU Press) will be published March 15, 2010. He contributed one chapter to the volume, "New Avenues for Profiling Research: The Question of Muslim Americans."

ON THE LAM (CURRENT STUDENTS)



Molly Mee (2008 cohort)



Matt Willms (2008 cohort)

Student Presentations & Research

Several of our MACJ Students presented their research at various conferences and gatherings this past year.

Molly Mee -

Presentation Title-- On the Intergenerational Transmission of Drug Sales and Use: An Ethnographic Exploration of Seattle's Pike-Belltown Corridor

Date: 9/10/09

Location: MACJ New Student Orientation at SU

Sasha Powers -

Presentation Title-- Service Learning: Organizational Analysis of the US Marshals Service, Western District of WA

Date: 9/25/09

Location: Criminal Justice Advisory Board Meeting at SU

Matt Willms -

Presentation Title-- The Mask: Deviance and Allusion among the Seattle Belltown Elite

Conference: International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Series Studies Conference

Date: 10/6/09

Location: Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN)



Sarah Lindahl (pictured above) of the 2007 cohort and Matt Willms, cohort 2008, have been assisting Alumna Elizabeth Neidhart in her study of sex offender risk assessment in WA State. Read more about this ongoing study in Vol. 1, Issue 1 of the CJ Blotter, available on the MACJ website.