



SU CRIME & JUSTICE BLOTTER

SU Criminal Justice Masters Program Newsletter

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APB

* **MACJ Info Sessions** ~
1st Thursday every month

* **MACJ Comprehensive Exam**
October 10, 2009 @ 8:00 a.m.

* **(ASC) American Society of Criminology**~
Nov 4-7, 2009 (Philadelphia, PA)

* **Western Society of Criminology**
Feb. 4-6, 2010 (Hawai'i)
~submission deadline Oct 5, 2009~

* **(AAFS) American Academy of Forensic Science**~
Feb 22-27, 2010 (WA State Convention & Trade Center; Seattle, WA)

* **ACJS Conference** ~
Feb 23-27, 2010 (San Diego, CA)
~submissions due Sept. 15, 2009~

* **Victims' Rights Week** ~
April 18-24, 2010

BACKCHAT

Any contributions to the MACJ newsletter or ideas about features 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*

The Criminal Justice Department is in the process of developing a Continuing Education Program series that will focus on a range of criminal justice topics. The program will be open to the public and to criminal justice professionals and other fields. The first program in the series will be on offender reentry and will be offered on Friday, March 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The program will feature panels and segments on a range of topics related to offender reentry including faculty research from the SU CJ Dept and the University of Washington, programmatic overviews of local offender reentry programs, and presentations/ discussion by former offenders who have made the transition from prison to community life.

DISPATCHES



The Criminal Justice Department is excited to bring you the second edition of the bi-annual MACJ newsletter! We are pleased to announce our new MACJ/JD joint degree which officially kicks off in the 2009-10 academic year. Students interested in pursuing both degrees must be admitted into both programs with the benefit of completing both in four years instead of five.

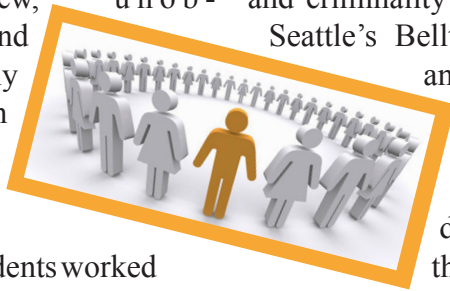
The MACJ program is officially on Facebook! Request an invite to: MACJ Program-Seattle University. The purpose of this group is to keep current and former MACJ students linked and to provide opportunities for discussions on "hot" topics. Joining this group will allow you to network for employment as well. Don't hesitate -- join today!

As Graduate Director of the MACJ program, I am always available to meet with you for advising in the form of course selection or career advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. All new MACJ students admitted Fall 2009 will have formal advising in Winter quarter.

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QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS – CRJS 512

The seminar is designed to expose students to the major qualitative research methods (e.g., ethnographic, intensive interview, unobtrusive methods) and for students to apply these skills within a service learning context.



In Winter 2009, students worked

collaboratively with the SPD and with community-based organizations to better understand crime and criminality within the areas of Seattle's Belltown neighborhood and the Pike-Pine corridor. In support of the service learning component, students also explored the problems, issues,

and outcomes of influential published scholarship.

A description of student projects from Winter quarter 2009 can be found in the Current Students Section on page 4.

Don't miss the chance to take this applied and fascinating course from Prof. Rice in Winter 2010!!

STUDENT PROFILING: TAMMY KYNETT

Growing up in Spokane WA, Tammy never gave up her childhood desire to be a police officer. She attended Pacific Lutheran University, but transferred to the University of Washington's Society and Justice program in 1989. During her time at UW, she interned with the King County Sheriff's Office Special Assault Unit which is responsible for investigating abuse and sex crimes. Impressed by the professionalism of the program and the variety of specialty assignments it offered, Tammy applied to the Sheriff's Office and was offered a job in 1991.

Tammy graduated second in her academy class at the WA Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien before beginning field training with the Sheriff's Office. After successful completion of field training, she was assigned to patrol in north King County. After four

years, she became a field training officer responsible for training new recruits and in 1999 she was appointed to the position of Master Police Officer (MPO). As an MPO, she continued her involvement in the training program and filled in as a supervisor when needed.

In April 2000, Tammy indulged her passion for motorcycle riding and became the Sheriff's Office's first female motorcycle officer. During her time on motors, she has become an instructor in defensive tactics, radar and laser operation, and police motorcycle operation. Her duties include primarily traffic enforcement but also maintenance of the KCSO radar program, field training of new motor officers, and dignitary escorts.

After a gap of nearly 18 years since academia, Tammy has found balancing working full time and the rigors

of graduate studies both challenging and rewarding. She just completed her first year of studies in the Masters Program and was recently honored with the Eugene Corr Scholarship Award for the 2009-2010 academic year.



Tammy Kynett, 2009

Tammy's passion for education extends to teaching and she has thoughts of pursuing a doctorate.

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USUAL SUSPECTS: FR. MICHAEL KELLIHER, S.J.

Fr. Michael Kelliher, is the senior member of the CJ Department, having arrived at SU in Sept. 1972. He earned a Masters and Doctoral Degree in Criminology at UC Berkeley; his primary tract of study being the etiology of crime. In 1979, he received a "certificate" as a polygraph examiner from "The Backster School of Lie Detection," and opened an office in the Lyon Bldg. on 3rd & James St. in downtown Seattle.

Fr. Kelliher served on two State Commissions, "The Law Enforcement Training Board" (1974-78), and the "Board on Correctional Training" (1980-86), appointed by two WA state governors -- Daniel J.

Evans and Dixie Lee Ray, consecutively. In 1986, Dr. David Pollick, the Dean of Arts & Sciences, appointed Fr. Kelliher as Director of the CJP Program, and then in 1987, chose him to be the Chair of the new CJ Department with a totally redesigned curriculum. He served as Chair of the Dept. until 1997.

Fr. Kelliher's research interests are in the area of the U.S. Federal Prisons, the Prisons of the Transportation Era in Australia, and the movement of Restorative Justice in New Zealand, S. Africa, N. Ireland, and the US. He is a member of 12 state and national organizations relating to the criminal justice system, and has been listed in "Outstand-



Fr. Michael Kelliher, S.J.

ing Educators of America" (1974), "American Men and Women of Science" (1978), and "Who's Who in the West" (1980-81). He enjoys an occasional poker game, and also, golf when the weather is clement.

PAROLED (ALUMNI NEWS): RYAN RIVERS

While earning his B.A. at UW, Ryan interned at the US Marshals Service's headquarters in Washington, DC. A second internship with the US Marshals in the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force placed Ryan just a couple blocks from the Capitol, the hub of the US system of government and law. This unique up-close look at federal law was only matched for Ryan, an avid runner, by the enjoyment of stepping from his apartment for a run along The National Mall.

In Fall of 2006, Ryan entered the WA State Criminal Justice Training



Ryan Rivers,
Alumnus 2009

Center's Basic Law Enforcement Academy and began work in 2007 as a police officer for the city of Mercer Island. His exposure to law enforcement at the federal level and then his work at the local level, provided Ryan with a desire to further his education

with SU's MACJ program. During his studies at SU, Ryan realized that he wanted to pursue a law degree and will be heading to Louisiana State University to attend the Paul M. Herbert Law Center, where he has been named a Faculty Merit Scholar, an award reserved for the "most promising students of 2012."

In the spring of 2009, Ryan received his Masters and was honored to be the first recipient of the Norm Maleng Academic Excellence and Citizenship Award.

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UNDER INVESTIGATION (DEPT. RESEARCH)

- * **Prof. Alexander** -- several articles under review. He is the principal investigator of an evaluation of the Interaction Transition House -- a halfway house that assists newly released offenders reintegrate into society.
- * **Prof. Gunnison** -- has an article forthcoming in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. She is principal investigator on an examination of the Community Corrections Alternative Program for the King Co. Juvenile and Adult Detention Center. She is a co-investigator on the Pike-Pine study and the Interaction Transition study.
- * **Prof. Helfgott** -- currently under contract with Sage for a book entitled *Psychopathy and Criminal Justice* which examines the relevance of psychopathy to criminology and crime and justice and the ways in which the construct of psychopathy has been used in the criminal justice system. She is co-investigator on an examination of the Community Corrections Alternative Program for the King County Juvenile System and Adult Detention Center, the Pike-Pine study, and the Interaction Transition study.
- * **Prof. Hickman** -- presently working on research related to the nature of crime statistic distributions, law enforcement agency consolidation, and police decertification. He is currently serving as a research consultant on NIJ-funded projects examining forensic evidence backlogs in police departments and looking at controlled substance case processing from the view of prosecutors, law enforcement, and crime laboratories. He is a co-investigator on the Pike-Pine study.
- * **Prof. Rice** -- lead editor for *Race, Ethnicity, and Policing: New and Essential Readings* to be published by New York University Press in 2010. He is a consultant on a US Dept of Homeland Security (DHS) grant assessing perceptions of profiling and bias in Muslim Americans' interactions with police and domestic security personnel. Prof. Rice is a co-investigator on the Pike-Pine study.

ON THE LAM (CURRENT STUDENTS)



Ian Lawson (2008 cohort)
Graduated in the top 5 of his ROTC platoon this summer at Warrior Forge!

CRJS 512 Student Projects -- Winter 2009

A small example of last year's exciting student studies (for more information on CRJS 512, see page 2!)

- V. Castaneda and K. Matelski's** study sought to learn about perceptions of Hispanic/Latino drug dealers in the Belltown area of Seattle and their observed departure time (6 p.m.) from the area of activity.
- M. Greer's** study set out to understand perceptions of fear in the Belltown neighborhood primarily through the lens of an important "membrane" between the street and suite: the condominium concierge.
- M. Mee's** study focused on better understanding the intergenerational use of drugs in the Belltown and Pine/Pike corridor areas of Seattle.
- M. Willms'** study looked at the intersection of clubs, drugs, culture, class; with music, sex, streets and suites in the dynamics of the Belltown underground.



Monica Lederhos and William Cannon (2008 cohort) were present to congratulate Cadet Lawson.
(Thanks for the pics, William!)