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#### SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2011
Academy of Behavioral Profiling
Conference
Continuing Education
Location: Seattle University

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2011
Behavioral Evidence Analysis
Practicum
Author/Presenter: Brent Turvey
Location: Seattle University

OCTOBER 15, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
MACJ Comprehensive Exam

NOVEMBER 16-19, 2011
ASC Conference
Location: Washington, D.C.

FEBRUARY 16-19, 2012 WSC Conference Location: Newport Beach, CA

**FEBRUARY 20-25, 2012** *AAFS Annual Meeting*Location: Atlanta, GA

MARCH 13-17, 2012

ACJS Conference

Location: New York, NY

APRIL 14, 2012 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MACJ Comprehensive Exam

**1st THURSDAY EVERY MONTH** *MACJ Info Sessions* 

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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT**

# Cultural Competency in Criminal Justice

Date/time: May 4, 2012 8:30am - 5:00pm Location: The Commons, Casey Bldg

The program will feature panels on a range of topics including cultural competency, power, privilege and oppression. Additionally, this program will provide specific information on various groups such as the LGBTQ community, refugee community, and immigrant community. The panels will highlight presentations and discussions by professionals involved in the previously mentioned topic areas. Panel presenters include the following speakers from New Futures: Laura Garcia, Dana Boales, Mario Paredes, and Lorenzo Cervantes.

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



# Qualitative Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRJS 512: WINTER 2012

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 past sessions of the course, students worked collaboratively with the SPD and with the Belltown Community Council to better understand the potential for crime and criminality within the City's planned Belltown Park Boulevard, 17,000 square feet of park space which will pierce through an area long known for open air narcotics sales. Student projects focused on topics such as crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), fear of crime, and crime and nightlife. In support of the service learning component, students also explored the problems, issues, and outcomes of influential published scholarship. Don't miss the chance to take this applied and fascinating course from Professor Rice in Winter 2012!!



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Letter from the Director



ELAINE GUNNISON, Ph.D.

Welcome back to all of our returning MACJ students and welcome to the MACJ program to all the new students! This year promises to be jam packed full of exciting academic opportunities sponsored by the Criminal Justice

Department including continuing education events and practicums. We hope to see you at these events.

On another front, the Criminal Justice
Department is hiring two new faculty members. You will be invited to attend various meetings (e.g., teaching and research presentations, meet and greet opportunities) with the candidates. Please make every effort to attend these meetings as the department values student input on all aspects on your interactions with the candidates.

Please be sure to carefully examine the dates for upcoming conferences on page 1. 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. There is a small travel stipend that you can apply for to help you attend. Please contact Devin for an application.

For all the new MACJ students, as Graduate Director of the MACJ program, I am always available to meet with you if you need advising in the form of course selection or career advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

If you have any contributions that you would like to make to the MACJ newsletter or have ideas about features for upcoming editions, please send them to me at gunnisone@seattleu.edu or Devin at mackrell@seattleu.edu.

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#### STUDENT PROFILE

# Lyndsy Dailey: Well-Rounded Scholar



any people learn early on in their lives what drives them. They are able to pursue their dreams, dovetailing their goals and their education. However, when you're Lyndsy Dailey, and your passion is people, just people, it's a bit more challenging to draw up an educational plan. This probably explains why 26 years after beginning school, Lyndsy is still going.

Lyndsy began her higher education at the University of Florida (Go Gators!) in 1999, majoring in business. Learning very quickly that she and numbers didn't mix, she switched to journalism. Then to psychology. And finally, to political science. Like any good political science major, she pursued a legal education, initially at Michigan State University. The cold weather and ridiculous snow drove her west, to Seattle University, where she obtained her law degree in 2007.

After graduating from law school, she began working at the King County Prosecutor's office, working on a capital murder case. While at the prosecutor's office, she also spent time working in Drug Diversion Court. A world away from a capital murder case, Drug Diversion Court and Judge Wesley St. Clair opened her eyes to a whole new way of looking at crime and those who perpetrate it. Realizing her legal education did not satisfy all of her curiosity, and knowing what a great school SU is, she applied to the MACJ program and began her studies in 2008.

The capital case came to a close in May 2010 and Lyndsy began working in the private sector in loss prevention shortly after. Her certificate in crime analysis has come in handy on more than one occasion, and she foresees its continued use going forward. She also hopes to teach classes upon completion of her master's degree.

In her spare time, Lyndsy enjoys long walks around Green Lake, reading, photography, movies, and spending time with her friends.

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

As a graduate student you are eligible to join Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society. Once you have completed four graduate courses and earned a G.P.A. of 3.4 or higher, you are eligible to join. There are many benefits to joining including the opportunity to apply for scholarships, attend conferences, and your membership meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in the Federal Services. For more information, visit their website at: www.alphaphisigma.org or contact Dr. Alexander, Faculty Advisor for the chapter, Pi Delta, at Seattle University.

#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

# Sasha Powers, '10

asha grew up in a military family that bounced around until she ended up in a small town in Northeast Arkansas. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology from Arkansas State University. She completed a minor in French at the Université de Cergy-Pontoise in a suburb outside of Paris. She moved to Seattle three years ago and started the criminal justice program shortly thereafter. She was looking for a program that would provide a solid theoretical foundation with practical real world experience. Seattle University not only provided the opportunity to work with practicing professionals but also taught critical skills in research and field work.

These skills have proven to be invaluable to her current position at the Society of Counsel where she has been the felony legal assistant for three years.

Each day she meets with people accused of felonies and helps them navigate their paths through the justice system. The clients are persons accused of crimes ranging from drug and property crimes to very violent offenses. She works to obtain mental health information for mitigation purposes and aid the attorneys in trial preparation. While in the future she hopes to secure a position in federal law enforcement, this position has been invaluable in giving her a firsthand look in the Criminal Justice

In her free time, she sings opera with the Music Center of the Northwest and

system.



MONICA LEDERHOS AND SASHA POWERS '10

has taken up running. She competed in her first 5k in June. She also spends time with the great friends she made while in the program.

#### **FACULTY PROFILE**

# Dr. Peter Collins, Ph.D.

r. Collins joined our faculty as an assistant professor this Fall. He received his Ph.D. in criminal justice from Washington State University, Spring 2011, with specializations in corrections, cost-benefit and evaluation research, and criminal law and criminal justice organizations. His research goals include

gaining a better understanding of criminal rehabilitation through treatment, substance abuse issues, community corrections and criminal reentry, the intersection of criminological theory and public policy analysis, and criminology within the context of popular culture. His research has been published in *The* 



Journal of Criminal Justice,
The Journal of Offender
Rehabilitation, Criminal
Justice Studies, Western
Criminology Review,
Police Quarterly, ACJS
Today, The Encyclopedia
of the United States
Constitution, and Oxford
University Press, among
others. He is currently
working on a book entitled
"Crime, Justice, and
Politics in the City as seen

through The Wire," which is scheduled for publication by Carolina Academic Press in 2012. His recent research employed cost-benefit methods to estimate the economic costs and benefits associated with the provision of substance abuse treatment in Idaho. To lend context to the cost-benefit findings,

his research utilized theoretical concepts from the fields of public policy and criminal justice/criminology. Specifically, his study detailed the impact that the network, collaborative capacity, and wicked problem concepts have on the criminal justice and treatment fields. He will be presenting his research titled "Substance Abuse is a Wicked Problem: The Collaborative Capacity, Social Support & Cost-Benefit Nexus" in September at the European Society of Criminology annual conference, to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania. He spends a great deal of his free time with his wife Sancheen, and their two young children, Kaiya (3) and Lucas (newborn). He greatly enjoys fishing, all types of music - along with playing a variety of musical instruments, art, the ocean and the great outdoors.



**DR. ALEXANDER** is currently working on research related to juveniles' satisfaction with their juvenile court experience and a book chapter on juvenile corrections.

DR. COLLINS is currently involved in several research projects focusing on a range of topics such as: substance abuse treatment and evaluation, correctional goals, police stress and accountability, and the contextual use of popular culture (such as the HBO show *The Wire*) in the criminal justice classroom.

**DR. GUNNISON** is currently working on a book, with Jacqueline Helfgott, discussing offender reentry success for Lynne Rienner Publishers. The book is entitled, *Success on the Streets: Creating Opportunities for Offender Reentry* and is due on the market in 2012.

DR. HELFGOTT is working on several book projects: No Remorse: Psychopathy & Criminal Justice (Sage), Success on the Streets: Creating Opportunities for Offender Reentry (Lynne Rienner) (co-authored with Elaine Gunnison), and she is serving as Editor of a 3-volume Criminal Psychology Reference set (Praeger). She is principal investigator (with Matt Hickman, co-investigator) on an evaluation of the Seattle Police Department Crisis Intervention Response Team Pilot Program, and is finishing up several additional projects.

**DR. HICKMAN** is (with Dr. Rice) in the process of launching a web-based Criminal Justice Prediction Market (CJPM), one purpose of which is to explore improvement in the quality and timeliness of crime statistics.

DR. RICE is developing an online criminal justice prediction market (with Dr. Hickman) and exploring defiance and desires for forgiveness amongst capital rapists and police killers. The latter effort is supported by a College of Arts & Sciences Summer Faculty Fellowship.

DR. KING-STARGEL is conducting a study to see if line police patrol officers use their agency's code of practice in work decision making by surveying about 5 mid-size police departments in the PNW. This is a replication of her 1995 study, conducted as part of her Masters degree.

## Student News

MEGAN YERXA will present a paper entitled, "Assessing a Risk-Based Model to Target Residential Burglary" at the upcoming ASC Conference in November in Washington, D.C.

LYNN SLAUGHTER held an internship position with Dr. Geoff Loftus from the University of Washington. Her work included organizing and analyzing discovery materials in preparation for testimony regarding eyewitness reliability. She gained valuable insight on the issues affecting eyewitness testimony and enjoyed engaging in



MATT WILLMS IS PICTURED WITH DR. HELFGOTT AT THE ROLLER DERBY IN SEATTLE AS HE CONDUCTS HIS RESEARCH

discussions on the difference between accuracy and reliability as it plays out in a court case.

MATT WILLMS thesis entitled, Ethnography of the Deviant Aesthetic and the Carnivalesque in Rollergirls, Rockers and Burlesque: Implications for Assessing Risk, Criminality and Criminogenic Spaces in Late Modernity includes research on the topic of the roller derby.

**BRITTANY MILLER** and **NICOLE GRABLER** each got married in September 2011.



JUNE 2011, SEATTLE ROCK 'N ROLL MARATHON, PICTURED FROM LEFT: JACKIE HELFGOTT, LAURA POLSON AND MOLLY MEE.



LYNN SLAUGHTER



SOME OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011. FRONT, FROM LEFT: HONG NHUNG NGUYEN, E. VICTORIA GARCIA, SAMANTHA JASSO, BRITTANY MILLER, ELYSSA MUDD. BACK, FROM LEFT: SHONTRICE EATON, JUDITH POSTON, MOLLY MEE, NICOLE GRABLER

If you have recently graduated or if it has been some time and you have been thinking about possibly pursuing graduate study in criminal justice, the time is NOW to jump off the fence! The department has possibilities for partial funding/fellowships. Please contact Devin MacKrell, the Graduate Administrative Assistant, at mackrell@seattleu.edu or the Graduate Director, Elaine Gunnison, at gunnisone@seattleu.edu to find out more!