Seattle University Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

2020 Annual Report

Advisory Committee Overview

The **Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Advisory Committee** is in its 17th year. The advisory committee works with our department through our *Crime & Justice Research Center* to develop collaborative initiatives including research, internships, practicum courses, continuing education, and public events. Our advisory committee is one of the largest and most involved of its kind. Agencies represented on the committee and individual committee members help our students succeed in professional career advancement by connecting them to real-world criminal justice practice. The committee is an integral part of our department and a hallmark of our department's continued success.

SUMMARY OF LAST YEAR'S MEETINGS

In our 2019 annual meeting, Dr. Richard Haruff from the King County Medical Examiner's Office was awarded the *Innovation in Criminal Justice Education Award*. Our featured discussion was "Building on Ideas for Crime & Justice Research Center Foci and Initiatives" and the question was posed to the advisory committee – "What are the key goings on in your agency that our students and faculty should know about." Former SUCJ student and current SU Public Safety Officer David Morales-Rosales told his story on the difficulties he has faced trying to become a law enforcement officer while being a DACA recipient. In our mid-year meeting, Dr. Pete Collins' introduced a project that grew from a project in one of his graduate courses that involved collaboration with advisory committee member Dr. Bettina Friese who worked with several MACJ students on a project involving Pioneer Human Services. The research team presented, "Supervising Employees with Criminal History: An Exploratory Study of Manager Strategies and Perceptions" – Bettina Friese (Pioneer Human Services) & Araceli Ochoa, Enedelia Garcia, Josee Hildebrandt, Carly Holmes (Seattle University MA Criminal Justice candidates). In both the fall and mid-year meetings, the committee worked to develop the event "Transform Your Education into a Criminal Justice Career."

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

SPD Sergeant Eric Pisconski Presents to the CJ Club

In 2019-20 advisory committee members:

- Developed the *"Transform Your Education into a Criminal Justice Career"* event held on January 27th, 2020. The event was a huge success featuring representatives from local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.
- Facilitated agency practicum courses. Ongoing practicum courses include – FBI, DEA, USPPS, USMS, KCPAO, SPD.
- Collaborated with faculty/students on grants, research, service learning, conference presentations, academic publications, and special events.
- Participated in events sponsored by the Criminal Justice Club and Honor Society including the silent auction and featured presentations – Sergeant Eric Pisconski presented at a CJ Club event on SPD Crisis Intervention.
- Participated in Crime & Justice Research Center initiatives including our annual continuing education event (Dan Satterberg, Bob Boruchowitz).
- Served as adjunct instructors and guest speakers (Carmen Best, Adrian Diaz, Kim Bogucki, Mark Larson, Dan Satterberg, Tuseef Chaudhry, Jennifer Danner, Ed Holmes, Bonnie Glenn, Mark Larson, Shannon Meyer, Debi Dorfsman, Colleen McIngalls, Jim Bloss, Bob Boruchowitz, Connie Smith, Shirley Wilson, Debi Dorfsman, Bev Himick, Nancy Garcia, and Jennifer Albright, and many others…).
- Served as thesis committee members.
- Networked with students at off-campus and campus events.

Students and faculty with SPD Detective Kim Bogucki at the IF Project Annual Brunch

2020 FBI Practicum

2020 "Transform Your Education into a Criminal Justice Career" Event

Departmental Update

ENROLLMENT/STUDENT INTEREST

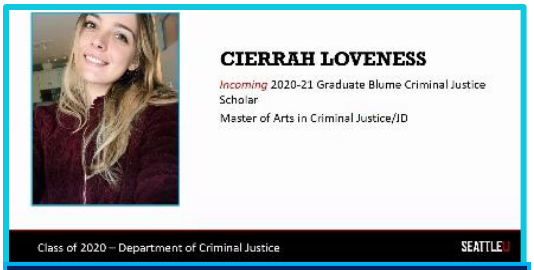
For 2020-21 we begin the year with 355 students (28 more than last year amidst the pandemic) including 248 undergraduate students, 105 graduate students, and 9 Crime Analysis Certificate students (7 of whom are co-enrolled in the MACJ program). We have continued to see a steading increase in enrollments with a 9 % increase in enrollment since 2019. Over the past 10 years, our enrollments have increased 56% .Our graduate program enrollments have remained steady while our undergraduate enrollment has more than doubled in the last ten years.

In the undergraduate program, forensic psychology continues to be the most popular specialization with 106 students – 85 BA and 21 BS (43% of all CJ undergraduate), followed by forensic science with 49 students – 4 BA and 45 BS (20% of CJ undergraduates), criminology with 48 students (19% of all CJ undergraduates), and administration of justice with 45 students (18% of all CJ undergraduates). The most popular graduate program specializations are Investigative Criminology with 39 students (36% of all graduate students) and MACJ (no specialization) with 37 students (34% of all graduate students), with the remainder of the students in the Research and Evaluation specialization with 5 students (5% of all graduate students), Victimology with 17 students (16% of all graduate students), and the MACJ/JD with 7 students (7% of all graduate students). The selected students graduate attending our program are from the local area and out of state and country and many coming into the graduate program work for CJ agencies. Criminal Justice undergraduate and graduate enrollments for 2020 is the highest in the college of Arts & Sciences.

STUDENT AWARDS

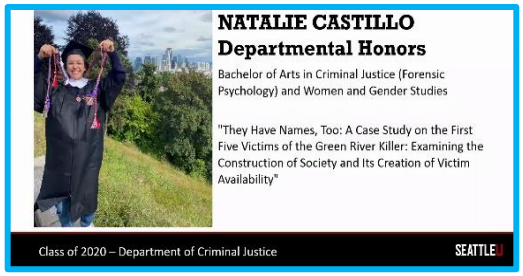
The undergraduate awards include the *Kelliher Award* for the highest GPA in the major and the *Corr Service & Ethics Award* named for CJ Department co-founder Eugene Corr, former Assistant Police Chief for the Seattle Police Department honors a graduating senior in the Criminal Justice Department undergraduate program who has made significant service and ethics contributions to the criminal justice system.

The Kelliher awardees for 2019 were **Emily Pacunski** (BACJ – Criminology) and **Mariana Renteria Hernandez** (BACJ – Forensic Psychology). The Corr Service & Ethics Award went to **Cierrah Loveness** (BSCJ – Forensic Psychology).



2020 Eugene Corr Award and Graduate Blume CJ Scholar - Loveness

The 2020 *Corr Scholarship* goes to the incoming graduate student who honors CJ Department co-founder and former Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Eugene Corr's vision to increase women and minorities in law enforcement. The 2020 Corr Scholarship was awarded to incoming MACJ student **Cierrah Loveness.** Cierrah graduated in June 2020 from the Undergraduate program (BSCJ – Forensic Psychology) and is continuing into the MACJ program.



Natalie Castillo (BACJ – Forensic Psychology) graduated in June 2020 with **Departmental Honors.** Her honors thesis was entitled "They Have Names, Too: A Case Study on the First Five Victims of the Green River Killer: Examining the Construction of Society and Its Creation of Victim Availability"

The 2019 ***Norm Maleng Academic Excellence and Citizenship Award*** went to **Taylor Lowery** (MACJ – Investigative Criminology). Taylor was a Research Analyst for the MCPP-SPD initiative. The award is named in honor of Norm Maleng, former King County Prosecutor. Norm was a CJ Department Advisory Committee member who was instrumental in inspiring the inclusion of the Victimology Graduate Specialization. Selection is based upon exceptional graduate work in the classroom and service to the community.

The ***Blume Criminal Justice Scholars Program*** was established in 2016 through a generous gift to our department from Ann and Bruce Blume to support advances in research and practice at the intersection of criminal justice and mental health. The 2020-21 Blume scholars are **Cierrah Loveness** (Graduate Blume scholar) and **Sophia Evans** (Undergraduate Blume scholar). Cierrah is also our *Corr Service and Ethics* awardee. Cierrah has worked as a Research Analyst and been a leader in our department, working as co-president of the Criminal Justice Club. Both Sophia and Cierrah presented work at the 2019 International Academy of Law and Mental. Cierrah presented on a project with Dr. John Vinson on crisis intervention in university policing and public safety and Sophia presented work with Dr. Collins on mental health and Capital Punishment.

SOPHIA EVANS

Incoming 2020-21 Undergraduate Blume Criminal Justice Scholar

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice – *Criminology & Criminal Justice Theory*

2020 undergraduate Blume CJ Scholar - Evans

STUDENT/ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Just a select sample of examples of the many student and alumni accomplishments – far too many to list!)

-BACJ Graduate ('19) **Haley Gilford** obtained a year-long fellowship with QuEST, a program sponsored by the University Friends Meeting of the Quakers and is also working at Transitional Resources in West Seattle.

-BACJ Student **Celia Simpson** has been working as the as the Drug Surveillance Project Intern at the King County Medical Examiner's Office testing blood, drug samples, and drug paraphernalia in order to identify the cause of death.

-BACJ Graduate **Sophie Jensen** ('19) was hired as a Staff Assistant and Tour Coordinator for Senator Patty Murray's office in Washington, D.C.

-BACJ Graduate **Allie Schiele** ('20) is pursuing a JD from the George Washington University Law School beginning in the fall.

-MACJ alum ('10) and advisory committee member **Loren Atherley** was accepted into the PhD program at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge.

-MACJ alum ('10) **Beck Strah** completed his doctoral program at Northeastern University in Boston doing work in the prisons there on masculinity and prison culture and accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

- Seattle University, MACJ alum ('13) **Mary Jordan** received the University of Texas Rio Grand Valley Faculty Excellence Award in Online Teaching. She has been working as a Lecturer at the UTRGV Criminal Justice Department since 2014.

-MACJ Student, **Natalie Ewegen**, is working as a Loss Prevent Agent for Nordstrom. She notes, *"My time in the CJ program has been memorable…it's something that I do not regret doing and I'm so glad and so proud of myself for sticking with it."*

-MACJ/JD Student, **Oscar Trinidad**, is on track complete both degrees in 3 years instead of the usual 5 years. He is working as a Rule 9 Intern at the Everett City Prosecutor's Office which he has very much enjoyed. He notes, *"I have enjoyed every minute of this program and it has been an invaluable experience for me…I hope in the future I can give back to this program because it has given me so much."*

Loren Atherley (MACJ '10)

Beck Strah (MACJ '10)

Mary Jordan (MACJ '13)

-MACJ Student, **Olivia Geeson**, was hired as the Managing Editor for the journal
Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law, & Society.
-MACJ & CACP Student, **Stephanie Lincoln-Baines**, was hired as a Juvenile Rehabilitation Counselor at Echo Glen. She states, "…the Criminal Justice Department has been nothing but helpful."
- SUCJ alum, **Toshiko Grace Hasegawa**, BA, '10 MACJ '19 was appointed by Governor Inslee as Executive Director of the WA State Commission on Asian and Pacific American Affairs. Hasegawa, was recently quoted in The North American Post, "What we're really finding in this pandemic is that the issues have not changed but the equity gap has deepened," and introduced Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren when she was in Seattle!

SUCJ alum, Toshiko Grace Hasegawa, BA, '10 MACJ '19

-MACJ Alums **Jennifer Danner** ('16), **Mary Amberg** ('12), and MACJ student **Mon-Cheri Barnes** received excellence awards at the 2019 Seattle Police Foundation Award Ceremony.

MACJ Students visiting
The Special Commitment Center at McNeil Island in
CRJS 5010 CJ Theory Course and on the ferry to the island (left).

MACJ Program Updates

Our MACJ Program is continuing strong. For the 2020-2021 academic year, we have **31** incoming MACJ students! The selected students attending our program are from the local area and out of state and country. Our new students are graduates of Central Washington University, Christopher Newport University, Eastern Washington University, Kenyatta University, Northwest University, Regent University, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, Southern Oregon University, Texas Christian University, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Charleston, University of Portland, University of Washington-Bothell, University of Washington-Seattle, University of Washington-Tacoma, Washington State University, Western Washington University, & Webster Leiden University.

CJ Scholarship Award recipients for the 2020-2021 academic year are: Paolo Santos Alves, Leila Attarzadeh, Jacob Berry, Leina Diamond, Samantha Krebs, Cierrah Loveness, Dorothy Mayfield, Krista Means, Magen McQuade, Chris Robinson, Josyln Wallenborn, & Jessi Willeto.

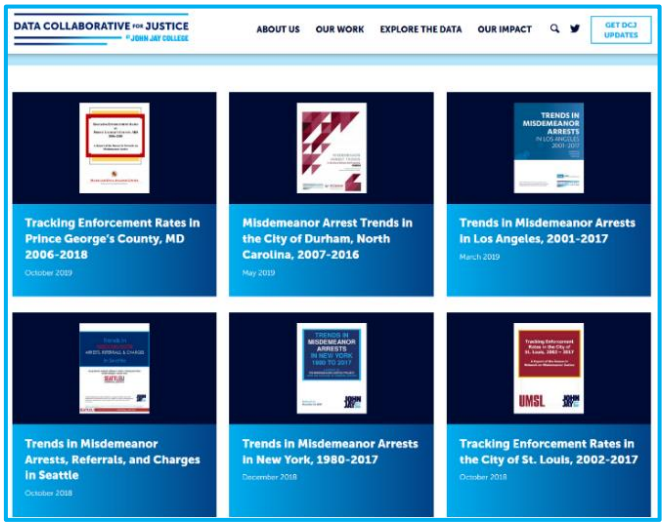
RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

In 2019-20, we engaged in many collaborative initiatives that involved students, faculty, CJ agency partners, and alumni. Here is a sampling of the many projects we worked on this year:

- ***The Seattle Police Department's Micro-Community Policing Plans* continues for its 6th year.** **Jacqueline Helfgott** and **William Parkin** head the SPD MCPP in collaboration with advisory committee members SPD Chief **Adrian Diaz** and Assistant Chief **Steve Hirjak**. The MCPP has employed 28 students to date as paid SPD civilian Research Analysts most of whom have been hired with SPD or other CJ agencies upon graduation. Reports on this research are available on SPD MCPP and CJRC webs.

MCPP Research Team with Chief Diaz at the 2019 Seattle Police Foundations Award Ceremony

- ***Evaluation of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention's Pretrial Assessment and Linkages Services (PALS) pilot program***. **Jacqueline Helfgott** and **Elaine Gunnison** are principal investigator/co-investigator and MACJ student **Kim Satterfield** will serve as RA in collaboration with advisory members KCAJD's **John Diaz** and **Steve Larsen**.
- **William Parkin** and **Jacqueline Helfgott** continue to work with the ***Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College*** on the cross-site comparison of misdemeanor justice trends across sites throughout the United States. The reports from all research sites are available on the Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice web page. Special thanks to advisory committee members **Brialle Engelhart** and **Pete Holmes** for their work on this project. CJ alums.**Lauren Morgan** (MACJ '18), currently in the PhD program in criminology and criminal justice at University of Missouri St. Louis, **Simran Kaur** (BACJ senior and CJ Honor Society President), and **Natalie Castillo** (BACJ '20) served as RAs on the project and were co-authors on final report.

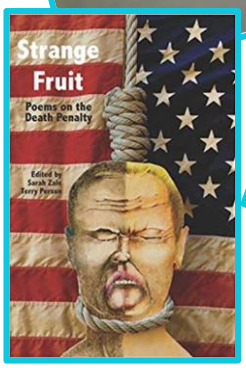


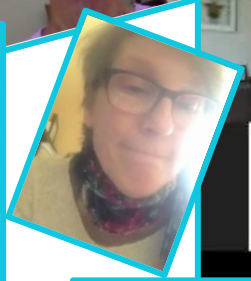
- Research continues on the ***Longitudinal Study of the Guardian-Oriented Police Training at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission*** headed by SU-CJ faculty **Jacqueline Helfgott** and **Matt Hickman** in collaboration with advisory committee member WSCJTC Executive Director **Sue Rahr.** This 3-year longitudinal study will be completed at the end of 2020.
- Advisory committee member **Bettina Friese** worked with MACJ alums ('20) **Areceli Ochoa** and **Endelia Garcia** on a project that culminated in a publication, "Supervising Employees with Criminal History: An Exploratory Study of Manager Strategies and Perceptions" in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* in 2020. This was the outgrowth of a project initiated in **Pete Collins'** graduate course.

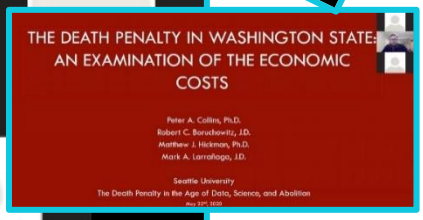
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- On May 22, 2020, the CJRC held our first-ever virtual continuing education event – ***"The Death Penalty in the Age of Data, Science, and Abolition***" and it was a great success! The event featured keynote speakers **Sister Helen Prejean** author of *Dead Man Walking* and *River of Fire;* **Kirk Bloodsworth**, Executive Director of Witness to Innocence and subject of the book *Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA* Evidence; and advisory committee member **Dan Satterberg.** King County Prosecuting Attorney; and speakers from Seattle University, the University of Washington, The Washington Innocence Project, and poets from *Strange Fruit: Poems on the Death Penalty* including advisory committee member **Bob Boruchowitz**.

Keynote Speakers Sister Helen Prejean, Kirk Bloodsworth, and Dan Satterberg







FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Faculty publications for the 2019-20 academic year include:

- Helfgott, J.B., Strah, B., Atherley, L, & Neidhart, E. (Forthcoming, 2020). Evaluation of CIT components of guardian law enforcement training. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology.*
- Helfgott, J.B., Parkin, W.S., Fisher, C., & Diaz, A. (2020). Misdemeanor arrests and community perceptions of fear of crime in Seattle. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 69,* 1-19.
- Jonson, C. L., Moon, M. M., & Gialopsos, B. M. (2020). Are students scared or prepared? Psychological impacts of a multi-option active assailant protocol compared to other crisis/emergency preparedness practices. *Victims & Offenders.*
- Tamura, K., & Gunnison, E. (2019). Hearing on the death penalty: The intersection of deafness and criminal justice. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology, 7*(3), 215-239.
- Helfgott, J.B., Parkin, W.S., & Fisher, C. (2019). Crisis-flagged Misdemeanors in Seattle: Arrests, Referrals, Charges, and Case Dispositions. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society, 20*(2), 59-85.

Reports

- Helfgott, J.B. & Parkin, W. (2020). Seattle Police Department's Citywide 2019 Seattle Public Safety Survey Results (81p.).

Faculty News

- Matt Hickman received a promotion to the rank of Full Professor.
- Elaine Gunnison was awarded the 2020 College of Arts & Sciences "Outstanding Academic Advising Award"
- Jacqueline Helfgott received the IF Project's 2019 "Changing Paths Award."

Out and About!

New Advisory Committee Members/Agencies in 2020 and Farewells

Departing Members - Farewell and THANK YOU!

Connie Smith, Chief, USPPS
Paul Holland, SU School of Law

Albert Brezicha, Training Coordinator, DEA
Anne Anderson, Executive Director, Victim Support Services

Connie Smith, Chief, USPPS

Returning Members – Welcome Back!

Kathleen O'Toole, O'Toole Associates LLC/21st Century Policing Solutions

New members – Welcome!

Tessa Gorman, First Assistant United States Attorney
Amy Jacquette, Assistant U.S. Attorney/Prevention and Reentry Coordinator
Monique Neal, Chief
Amy Jacquette, Assistant U.S. Attorney/Prevention and Reentry Coordinator
Stephen Hirjak, Assistant Chief, Collaborative Policing Bureau, SPD
Carrie McNally, Detective, Recruiting Unit, SPD
Odmaa Munkhjargal, SU-CJ Graduate Social Media & Marketing Assistant
Simran Kaur, President, CJ Honor Society
Susan Wolf, DEA
Jason Marconi, Training Coordinator, DEA

New members – Welcome!

Israel Jaquez, Warden, Federal Detention Center at SeaTac
Andrea Anderson, Exec. Director, The IF Project
Jonathan Weiner, Exec. Director, NW HIDTA

Michaela Weber, Exec. Director, VSS
Tim Gately, Captain, Operations

Amanda Smith, Corr Scholar
Sophie Evans, President, SU CJ Club/ Blume Criminal Justice Scholar
Cierrah Loveness, Blume Criminal Justice Scholar

Emma Hill, A&S *Student Executive Council Representative*

Seattle University Department of Criminal Justice Faculty and Staff

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Peter Collins, PhD/Associate Professor

Brooke Gialopsos, PhD/Assistant Professor

Elaine Gunnison, PhD/Professor & Graduate Director
Jacqueline B. Helfgott, PhD/Professor & Director, Crime & Justice Research Center
Matthew Hickman, PhD/Professor & Chair

Al O'Brien, MA/Instructor

William Parkin, PhD, Associate Professor

Stephen Rice, PhD/Associate Professor & Internship Director

STAFF

Jonathan Bechtol, Senior Administrative Assistant
Nicole E. Moses, Graduate Program Coordinator
Odmaa Munkhjargal, Graduate Social Media & Marketing Manager

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Debi Dorfsman, JD, Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, FBI
Jonathan "Zack" Gallar, Medicolegal Death Investigator, King County ME Office
Marc Glasser, MA, Chief of Regulatory Compliance, US Depart of Homeland Security
Tag Gleason, MA, JD; Captain, Seattle Police Department
Virginia Gleason, JD.; Strategic Advisor, Seattle Police Department
Bonnie Glenn, JD, Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings
Bev Himick, PhD; Forensic Scientist/DNA Unit Supervisor, WA State Patrol Crime Lab
Trisha King-Stargel, EdD, King County Sheriff's Office
Tim Ostrander, PhD

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Mark Larson, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Shannon Meyer, PhD, Victim Specialist, FBI

Richard Niebush, PhD, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Grainne Perkins, PhD, former Detective, Irish Police Service
Henry Richards, PhD; Forensic Psychologist

Carmen Rivera, MSc, Echo Glen, WA State Dept. of Social & Health Services
John Vinson, PhD, Chief, University of Washington Police
Collen McIngalls, MA, Victim Support Services

Joe Hawe, MA

NEXT MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mid-Year Meeting –January 15, 2020 8:00-10am Casey Commons
Annual Luncheon – September 24, 2021 11:30-2:00pm Student Center 160