

CCJS News Fall 2012



Welcome to the Fall 2012 Semester in CCJS!

While there are many challenges at SSU today--such as getting classes that students need to graduate while balancing the increased costs to attend school with work and even family--we sincerely hope that everyone will be able to have an educationally rewarding and enlivening Fall semester.

Graduates with Distinction

Each year CCJS faculty select students to graduate with distinction, a university wide designation made by a department to students who are deemed to have made a significant contribution to their discipline and the university. In Spring of 2012 these students included:

Holly Brown
Amanda Oliver
Ryan Connelly
Brittany Moore
Jessica Reddoch

The Department congratulates all of these students.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society has been growing each year, offering students guidance in pursuing law school with

Professor Eric Williams acting as advisor to the club as well as the school's pre-law advisor. Former members have gone on to schools such as Harvard, UCLA, Michigan, UC Davis and Penn State.

We are continuing to grow with our new President Paige Dominguez, Treasurer Ricky Frankel, Secretary Sam Gunthrie, and Public Relations Anthony Roselli. We are kicking off the school year with our first fund raiser on September 13 at The Pub. The Pre-Law Society will also be welcoming two speakers to our bi-weekly meetings: Professor John Glasgow on September 20th and the Associate Dean of Admissions at Golden Gate Law School on October 11th.

We are also currently planning a Personal Statement writing workshop and a proctored practice LSAT to be held on campus later in the semester. As we wrap up the semester in December, we will also be organizing an LSAT study materials exchange for any students planning on taking the LSAT next year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Professor Williams at eric.williams@sonoma.edu.

The CCJS Forum

Are you looking for fun ways to learn more about crime and justice? Do you need help in making yourself more competitive in the criminal justice job market? Or do you simply want to meet other CCJS students who share your interests?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, then CCJS Forum might just be right for you.

The Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJS) Forum is a newly formed student organization that promotes the educational, professional, and social growth of criminology and criminal justice students at SSU. Founded in spring of 2012, it seeks to serve as a platform for the development of CCJS students and foster camaraderie in the CCJS family by organizing –

- field trips (e.g. visit to a local jail)
- participation in professional conferences (e.g. the Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology)
- symposia
- networking with SSU CCJS alumni
- activities catering to the special interests of members (e.g. study groups, target shooting)
- socials

Membership in the organization is free and meetings are held every other Thursday.

For more information, go to <https://orgsync.com/48960/chapter> or email the current President, James Grunewald, at jbgrunewald@gmail.com. Plans may also be afoot to create a Facebook page.

Majoring in CCJS

CCJS is an interdisciplinary field and many of our students have one or more minors and some are double majors. About half of our students are upper division and half are lower division. Nearly half of our majors transfer to SSU as juniors. About sixty percent of all our majors are women and forty percent men. Among graduating seniors, the percentage of females and males is nearly equal.

From Freshman to Senior

Each year presents similar and different challenges. Everyone attempts to get classes they need. Lower division students need to complete general education requirements; when further along, they need to take elective courses that will support their major as they moved toward graduation so that they don't take unnecessary units. It's important to take upper division GE *in social sciences* during or after the semester you become a junior (or 60 units).

JC transfer students who are accustomed to getting into classes when they are high on a wait list often learn the hard way that they will not be admitted into a desired class. There are many circumstances in which there are no drops; when that happens there may not be any adds or a graduating senior will have priority.

About advisors

If you have been previously advised by another faculty member you are free to continue with her/him.

If you need advising, advisors are available during their office hours. If you cannot come in during an advisor's posted office hours, email the advisor about scheduling an appointment; office staff do not make appointments for faculty.

Each semester, faculty of-

Meeting the challenge of efficiently moving through SSU, transitioning from lower to upper division, or transferring from a JC



WEPT & Grad App

Students who are further along have other concerns: the WEPT by the end of the junior year and the internship, which takes planning to complete by the time your graduate (don't wait until the last minute!). Also, the deadline to submit your graduation application for Fall 2012, and the priority filing date for Spring 2013, is: Friday, September 14th. This date usually falls in mid-September.

You are required to meet with your advisor to review and sign your graduation application before it is submitted to the CCJS department chair for final approval. Be sure

to bring your Academic Requirement Report (formerly the *Degree Progress Report*) and list of transfer credits, if any, when you meet with your advisor for approval of your graduation application.

Also, please see the CCJS advisement web page to learn about requirements, suggestions for students at different stages of their SSU career, links to forms, important deadlines, and related matters. It's at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/dept/advise.shtml>

office hours start on the first day of class and end on the last day of class. The faculty are not on campus on a regular basis during the summer or intersession. All faculty offices are located in Stevenson Hall 2084.

Interested in Graduate School?

If you think that you might be interested in going on to graduate school, see "Are You Thinking of Graduate School?" below.

Our Office Staff

Lisa Kelley and Katie Musick are our very helpful office staff. Their contact information:

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CCJS students explore the world of theory and practice

Majors, Interns & More

Who are CCJS majors?

A lot of students are curious about what CCJS as a major is like, the characteristics of students, what they end up doing in life, etc.

A few characteristics of CCJS graduating seniors:

- About one in four are the first in their family to graduate from college
- About a third intend to go to graduate school after graduation
- Over sixty percent have had a paying job during their SSU experience, not including an internship.

Some students look at CCJS as a major that may prepare a student for better employment prospects. It is true that the field does have a range of opportunities--some more-or-less affected by the current recession--and it is a truism that no major is a guarantee of employment in any field. What the CCJS curriculum recognizes, however, is that potential future careers or jobs can be effectively understood through actual experience in potential employment environments before graduation.

CCJS Internships

Through internships, volunteering, work and other roles, CCJS students increasingly play a role in the daily life of the surrounding community. An internship is a critical way for a CCJS major to gain an understanding of how the real world works and, for some, it is a stepping stone to employment in the world.

CCJS majors are required to complete an internship, except in special circumstances. Interns work in a wide range of circumstances:

- federal, state and local law enforcement, parks, and animal control
- federal and state probation and other local support services
- law related, such as legal aid of sonoma county, legal advocacy, and public or private practice
- other nonprofits in a range of areas, ranging from peer education, diversion treatment, peer mentoring and others.

Exit surveys of prior interns indicate that most feel their internship allowed them to evaluate possible careers, provided a worthwhile experience and that they increased their ability to critically understand the connections between social institutions such as education, employment, and criminal justice. Most learned to apply theory to practice and learned how to get job references and/or job connections. Their supervisors report that interns learn a great deal and become more confident during the course of their work. Some agencies have a history of hiring CCJS students upon their graduation.

Currently CCJS students intern at Sonoma, Napa and San Francisco Probation and Federal Probation departments, police and Sheriff Departments, Legal Aid, Restorative Resources, victim support services or victim advocacy such as Verity, varied foster care services, the District Attorney's Office, Kid Street Learning, California Youth Outreach, and many others.

POST (by Mike Hooper, California's Bureau Chief of POST)

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is a state agency which was formed in 1959 to provide for the ongoing enhancement of professionalism in California law enforcement. California POST was the first agency of its type in the United States and has continued to serve as the model among all other states. POST's funds come from penalty assessments on criminal and traffic fines.

POST establishes minimum selection standards governing the employment of peace officers. This serves to standardize employment requirements across the state. To assist agencies in meeting selection standards, POST has developed a variety of publications, including the following: Medical Screening Manual, Psychological Screening Model, and Background Investigation Manual.

POST requires successful completion of a Basic Course, consisting of a minimum of 664 hours, for anyone seeking appointment to a peace officer position. There is also a continuing professional training (CPT) requirement. In addition, persons promoted to supervisory and management positions must complete developmental training soon after being promoted.

Beyond hundreds of training courses, POST has guidelines for special situations defined by the legislature, such as pursuit driving, SWAT, civil disorder--the subject of recent publications. Publications can be located via the POST website at www.post.ca.gov/library.

For researchers interested in law enforcement, the POST Library is a one-stop, on-line service center, including historic documents, along with links to major law enforcement research centers.

What's trending in CCJS

Laws and Policies

California has become a leader in the passage of laws and the implementation of policies that are a harbinger of change in other states and the federal system. While the merits of this are hotly debated, crime and its control are among the most contentious issues in politics and each year there are many issues that capture public and lawmaker attention. The following are certainly among the many important ones being discussed today.

Realignment

One of the biggest changes being felt at both the state and local levels is realignment, which is a direct result of the court ordered transfer of inmates from state prisons in California to county jurisdiction. There is a great deal of discussion about, monitoring of and related information about realignment underway in California.

The general issues posed by realignment are provided in the most recent issue of the *Western Criminology Review* at <http://wcr.sonoma.edu/>. The latest updating on the monitoring of realignment is available through the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, which is directed by SSU's Dan MacAllair, at http://www.cjcj.org/files/Realignment_update_Aug_15_2012.pdf. There is wide-ranging discussion about the topic at city, county and state levels (e.g., see the *Public Policy Institute Report* at http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_812MLR.pdf; KQED's examination at <http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201208220900>; and the *California Report* at <http://www.californiareport.org/specialcoverage/prisons/>).

California initiatives

Three initiatives that have qualified for the 2012 CA ballot that are of particular interest for students of criminology and criminal justice studies:

Proposition 34 would replace the death penalty with life without the possibility of parole. If approved, the initiative would apply retroactively to all death row inmates in California. It would also require these inmates to work while in prison, with wages applied to a victim restitution fund. The initia-

tive's proponent is Jeanne Woodford, a CCJS alum who was at one time the warden of San Quentin, where the death chamber is located in California.

Proposition 35 would increase penalties for persons convicted of human trafficking, and would require registered sex offenders to provide information about their online identities. There are also provisions to shield victims from disclosure of certain kinds of information during court proceedings and for increasing training for law enforcement on the problem of human trafficking.

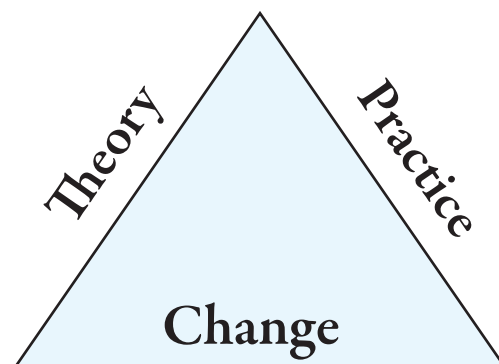
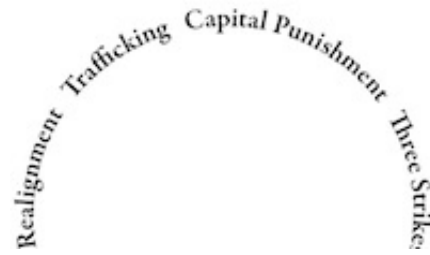
Proposition 36 is another attempt to revise the Three Strikes law by allowing a life sentence only if the third strike is serious or violent. This initiative would apply only to certain categories of three strike cases, and would continue to mandate life sentences for third strikers convicted of certain types of sex, drug, or firearms offenses, and for felons with prior convictions for rape, murder, or child molestation.

Complete information on the initiatives is on the web at the California Secretary of State's web site: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm>.

Related Events of Interest

Public Form on Propositions 34 & 36, moderated by District Attorney Jill Ravitch. Includes Marc Klaas, Steve Fabian, Cliff Gardner, Kent Scheidegger, George Gittleman. Oct. 14, 3-5 p.m. in Santa Rosa. Audience questions. Flyer at www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/graphics/forum.pdf. Not to miss!

Sonoma County Human Rights Commission forum on Immigration (9/27 at 6-8 p.m.; Friedman Center). Six panelists with widely divergent opinions. http://hr.sonoma-county.org/documents/chr/counter_points_immigration_flyer.pdf.



CCJS Faculty



Professor Bloom

Professor Bloom has been involved in several interesting projects during summer break. She is presently supervising the development of a methodology for correctional organizations to conduct internal evaluations of their current policy and practice for working with women in the criminal justice system.

In addition, with her colleague, Dr. Barbara Owen, she is drafting a blueprint for a continuum of programs and services for criminal justice-involved women in San Francisco, emphasizing non-custodial options, brought about by AB 109.

She also began work with the Rosenberg Foundation and Women's Foundation of California to develop a report that will include a summary of research-based reentry approaches and an action plan for creating policies, programs and services for AB 109 impacted women in California.

Dr. Bloom also presented a plenary session entitled, "Invisible Resiliency: Justice-Involved Women" at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Conference on Behavioral Health for Women and Girls in San Diego.

Professor Grant

Professor Grant's recent and continuing research explores how people serving as mock jurors evaluate criminal culpability, especially in felony-murder cases. She is working to put the research protocol online, which involves learning interesting things about online survey research that will no doubt become part of discussion in her Research Methods courses. She is also finishing two developmental reviews of criminal justice texts, which is an interesting opportunity to read and comment on the approach taken by other textbook authors.

Professor Jackson

This summer Professor Jackson published a refereed article in *Society & Animals*. ("Refereed" means that multiple anonymous reviewers who did not know the author's identity evaluated the manuscript and recommended publication). This is relatively new "territory" for mainstream criminology. His study is an analysis of how people manage the challenging inter- and intra-species issues that routinely arise in a dog park, such as how people adapt to dog owners who don't manage their aggressive dogs, and the circumstances in which people engage third parties, such as animal control

and police, to resolve their conflicts there.

At present he is conducting an exploratory study on how vulnerable youth develop social capital in the process of helping care for abused animals in a controlled environment. He is using a relatively new qualitative research technique called photo elicitation interviewing to conduct the research.

Professor Reyes

Professor Reyes participated in the annual meeting of the Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG) on June 6 to 9, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. The HRWG is an interdisciplinary and international organization that focuses on the study of lethal and non-lethal violence. Dr. Reyes presented the preliminary findings of a study he is conducting with Dr. Victoria B. Titterington of Sam Houston State University on intra-group interaction in multiple-offender sexual homicide. Their earlier work examining sexual homicide in the Philippines has been submitted for publication and is currently undergoing review.

Professor Williams will be sharing his activities in our next issue of *CCJS News*.

Are you thinking of graduate school?

A challenging issue for students today is what to do after graduation, especially when the job market is depressed and you have a yearning for more education. Historically, one way people have ridden out recessions is to pursue a graduate education. Graduate school is definitely not for everyone but involvement in or knowledge about the following may help you to decide:

-is your G.P.A. 3.0 or higher (sometimes less than that)?

-do you have an interest in or an ability to write and communicate clearly?

-do you have an interest in furthering your exploration of particular substantive topics in greater detail?

-first generation college students and others may be able to learn more about graduate school and gain support through McNair Scholars Program. Learn more at <http://www.sonoma.edu/mcnair/>.

Prior students in CCJS have gone on to varied professional or law schools, graduate schools in criminal justice, psychology, public administration, social work, and others. It is possible to work while doing graduate work, sometimes as a teaching assistant, thereby reducing debt.

Talk to your professors, and go to www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/info/infop7.shtml#gradschools for web links to graduate schools in CCJS.

Better yet, try going to a Criminology conference. Many of these welcome students. You can go to sessions, meet people, see the latest books, even submit a paper or idea to a student session and meet students and/or faculty from other CCJS programs around here or elsewhere in the country. Sometimes you even meet potential job connections!

See "Professional Criminology Conferences" for examples of meetings of interest. See other societies, meetings and conferences via <http://www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/info/infop7.shtml#orgs>.

This academic year the WSC and Critical Criminology & Justice Studies conferences are in Berkeley. The location of each conference changes each year. Ask faculty about these and other meetings. They often know helpful things.

Professional Criminology Conferences

69th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

November 14-17, 2012

Palmer House Hilton Hotel

Chicago, IL

For more information, go to <http://asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>

40th Anniversary Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology

February 7-9, 2013

Doubletree Berkeley-Marina

Berkeley, CA

For more information, go to <http://westerncriminology.org/conference.htm>

65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences

February 18-23, 2013

Marriot Wardman Park Hotel

Washington, DC

For more information, go to <http://www.aafs.org/aafs-2013-annual-meeting>

50th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

March 19-23, 2013

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

Dallas, TX

For more information, go to http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_668_2915.cfm/

Association for Criminal Justice Research (California),

meets twice a year in Northern and Southern California.

76th semi-annual meeting

October 18-19

Hotel Huntington Beach, CA

For more information: <http://www.acjrca.org>

The following meeting will be in Sacramento.

Critical Criminology & Justice Studies Conference

Meets once a year before the WSC Conference

Students are admitted for free!

Keynote address by Jonathan Simon

February 7, 2013 9am – 5pm

Berkeley Hilton Marina, Berkeley, CA

From CCJS graduate to alumni



Spring is the time to walk but you can finish in December

Alumni in the news or who we've heard from

Jeanne Woodford, class of 1978, is a Senior Distinguished Fellow at the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy, UC Berkeley School of Law. She is Director of Death Penalty Focus and a proponent of Proposition 34 (see "What's Trending" above). Jeanne was a featured speaker at the 2012 ACLU dinner in Santa Rosa, where she made a compelling case to replace the death penalty with life without the possibility of parole on cost and other grounds.

Marlon Cobar graduated from the department in 1992, went to UC Davis School of Law, and eventually became a federal prosecutor. He is still a federal prosecutor, but now works for a different agency.

In the recent past he was involved in a significant trial that took a great deal of investigative time in different parts of the world. He indicates that he has greatly appreciated his education at SSU.

Anne Reilley (Wheaton), class of 2000, graduated with Department Distinction and SSU Honors and is now the Executive Director of We Care Animal Rescue in St. Helena. While at SSU Anne interned in the Sonoma County Superior Court.

Sean Birtcil, class of 2007, is a Deputy Sheriff in Contra Costa County in custody and court. Sean is active in the U.S. Army National Guard and was deployed in 2010-11 in support of Operation New Dawn in Southern Iraq.

Our Graduates

The CCJS Department had over 70 graduates in academic year 2011-12, and most students go through the Commencement ceremony. Many of our graduates go on to careers in social services, law enforcement, probation, and corrections, while others go into a wide range of public service jobs, nonprofits, advocacy and others. An increasing number go to graduate school, including law, counseling, social work, public administration, criminology, psychology and related fields.



New Library Acquisitions

This is a sample of book titles that have been recently acquired by the Schultz Information Center. Search for the title through the library catalog.

Hardcover Books

After the crime : the power of restorative justice dialogues between victims and violent offenders

White-collar crime : the abuse of corporate and government power

The Gender of Crime

State crime : current perspectives

Online Books

Women criminals: an encyclopedia of people and issues

Chávez-García, Miroslava , *States of delinquency : race and science in the making of California's juvenile justice system*

Illicit trade and the global economy

The city that became safe : New York's lessons for urban crime and its control

Risk analysis and the security survey

Eyes everywhere : the global growth of camera surveillance

The people's courts : pursuing judicial independence in America

Putting fear of crime on the map

Felony murder

Sold into extinction : the global trade in endangered species

Violence, coercion, and state-making in twentieth-century Mexico

Late onset offending and substance use: findings from the NYSFS

Fraudulent forensic evidence: malpractice in crime laboratories

The modernity bluff: crime, consumption, and citizenship in Côte d'Ivoire

Crime and Transition in Central and Eastern Europe

Evidence-Based Counterterrorism Policy

Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Community Corrections and Addiction Treatment

Putting Fear of Crime on the Map

The Many Faces of Youth Crime : Contrasting Theoretical Perspectives

Traditional Organized Crime in the Modern World : Responses to Socioeconomic C

State crime

Transnational environmental crime: toward an eco-global criminology

Encyclopedia of school crime and violence

Crime on-line : correlates, causes, and context

White-collar and corporate crime : a documentary and reference guide

Crime culture: figuring criminality in fiction and film

The sport of kings and the kings of crime

Crime in the Art and Antiquities World

The SAGE Handbook of Criminological Research Methods

Crime Insights



Other media

J. Edgar (videorecording)

Do you have a favorite book or books you would like to see here? We would like to know your own favorites. Please email them to Prof. Jackson at jackson@sonoma.edu.

About CCJS News

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