

UNC Charlotte Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

By the numbers

Undergraduate
Majors: 613

Undergraduate
Pre-Majors: 420

Graduate: 28



Department. Many of which are described in these pages. I would also encourage you to visit our

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It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to our inaugural issue of the Criminal Justice & Criminology newsletter. We are looking forward to keeping in touch with our alumni, students, parents, friends and others and helping you to get to know the faculty and our department a little bit better. We would also like to use this newsletter to share the accomplishments of our department, current students and alumni.

This past year has been very exciting and we look forward to an equally stimulating one this year. One of the most exciting things we did this year was to add three new faculty to our Department, (See Page 2).

This year we look forward to our Criminal Justice Job Fair, a visit to campus from Jeffrey Toobin, author of *The Nine* (about the Supreme Court), our participation in the regional mediation tournament and many others. I encourage you to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities that exist in the

website at <https://criminaljustice.uncc.edu/> for more information.

Finally, we would love to hear from our alumni and find out where you are and how you are doing. Please share your professional and personal achievements with us here. With your permission, we would like to share your news in upcoming issues of the newsletters. In addition, we'd like to know what intriguing and arresting (pun intended) things our current students are up to. You can also fill us in at <http://uncc.surveymshare.com/s/AYASQNC>.

We look forward to building our community with you through this newsletter, our website and all of our activities and events.

Best wishes for successful and exciting year,
Beth Bjerregaard

Chair, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

Meet Our New Faculty

Matthew Phillips



Dr. Phillips is an alumnus of both UNC-Charlotte and SUNY-Albany. Prior to joining the faculty at UNC Charlotte, he served as an analyst for a major US intelligence agency. His principle research interests include drug offending and violence, life course criminology and interactional theory, international drug trafficking and terrorism, and quantitative methods. He is also researching the application of big data initiatives to the analysis of crime, particularly within in the realm of national security.”

Shannon Reid



Dr. Reid recently received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine in Criminology, Law and Society. Her research interests are focused in the areas of juvenile delinquency and incarceration; gang membership and group behavior; and police use of force. Shannon's research is also aimed at informing public policy as it relates to juvenile justice.

John Stogner



Dr. Stogner is a former alumnus of our Master's program and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida. His teaching and research focuses on criminological theory, biosocial criminology, quantitative methodology, drug use, and the interplay between issues of health and deviance. Though he continues to explore substance use as well as issues connecting health and crime, his recent work has focused on intertwining mainstream sociological theory with biosocial criminology.

Brame Departing

Robert Brame

The excitement that accompanies the addition of our three new faculty members is unfortunately offset by the departure of one of our existing faculty members. Professor Robert “Bobby” Brame has departed UNCC to return to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. Bobby has been at UNCC since the Fall of 2007 and has mainly taught courses in Research Methods/Statistics, Juvenile Justice, and Criminal Justice Policy at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Bobby has always been a leader in the department, has modeled by example, and is an impactful scholar in the field of criminal justice and criminology. We will miss his contributions in all phases of university life. The faculty wish Bobby all the best in his future endeavors.

Undergraduate Program

The Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJUS) major continues to be one of the most popular majors at UNCC. According to the most recent enrollment figures, in the Fall 2013 semester there were 613 CJUS majors and 420 Pre-CJUS majors. These figures represent a 22.3 percent growth in the CJUS major since the preceding year and a 125.4 growth in the CJUS major over the preceding 5 years. To put these figures in context, enrollment growth at UNCC during this same 1-year and 5-year period was 1.3 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively. Criminal Justice has clearly become one of the most popular majors at UNCC.

Beginning in the Fall of 2013, a new criteria has been implemented for students seeking admission into the CJUS major.

In addition to the GPA requirement and the required "C" or better in Introduction to Criminal Justice and Statistics, students are now required to successfully pass an Undergraduate Admissions Essay (UAE). This one-hour, in-class essay will require students to answer a general question related to the criminal justice system. Students will be assessed on their substantive knowledge of the system as well as their writing fundamentals.

Students must have completed (or be in the process of completing) CJUS 1100–

Introduction to Criminal Justice prior to sitting for the essay. Students will have two chances to successfully pass the UAE.

Faculty members in the department have been working on revising the current curriculum for the undergraduate program. These changes will likely alter the sequencing of courses as well as make the curriculum more challenging with innovative course offerings that will serve to develop the skills needed for students to be competitive in the field of criminal justice and criminology. It is hoped that a new curriculum be in place for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Graduate Program



First Year Graduate Students (FYGS), from left to right: Justin Franklin, Willa Smith, Holly Morris, Amber Sanders, Katie Hunter, Emily Kamen, Sarah O'Brien, and Laura Barber

Of the 33 individuals who applied to the Masters of Science program this Fall, eight were admitted and accepted offers to become members of the 2013 Fall cohort of new students. Hailing from Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and New York, these FYGS (First Year Graduate Students) came to UNC Charlotte's Master's program with undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Forensic Anthropology, and Psychology. Collectively, they completed their undergraduate training with an average GPA of 3.42, and had an average GRE score of 305 (Quantitative + Verbal). They are a cohesive group who brings to the Department an energetic passion for learning. The Department is pleased to have such a talented, collegial, and interesting group of students in the program. Read on to find out more about each new FYG.

Justin Franklin

of Augusta, GA completed his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology at Georgia Southern University. Justin grew up interested in Criminal Justice, and was especially curious to know why some high school classmates turned to crime while others (with similar backgrounds) did not. After completing his undergraduate degree, Justin applied UNC Charlotte because of what he felt the city, the campus, and the faculty had to offer him. His interests lie largely in the areas of theory, policy and law, and he hopes to one day “make a difference in [others’] lives for the better.” When he is not in class or studying, Justin enjoys spending time with friends and family, working out, and going to concerts. Around the Department, Justin has quickly become known for his stealth-like sense of humor. His most memorable experience thus far as a FYG? “Getting home and looking at my workload for the first time.”

Willa Smith

of Charlotte, NC completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology with a minor in Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She first became interested in Criminal Justice while taking a college course titled *Violence in America*, which first led her to consider crime from a theoretical point-of-view. Growing up in Charlotte, Willa was already familiar with UNC Charlotte and had even toured the campus in high school; however, she was drawn to the University for her graduate studies because of the opportunities to conduct original research. Willa is interested in the factors that foster juvenile delinquency, and would like to one day work with those at risk for becoming habitual offenders. A lifelong vegetarian, Willa enjoys cooking, reading, and “copious amounts” of *The Walking Dead* and *Breaking Bad*. She adds, “People who don’t know me think I’m a bit of a nerd. People who know me really well think I’m a huge nerd.”

Holly Morris

of Canton, NC completed her undergraduate degree in Forensic Anthropology with a minor in Criminal Justice at Western Carolina University, where she was also a member of the dance team and a rugby player. Holly became interested in Criminal Justice after taking an Intro class in college, which piqued her interest in the root cause(s) of crime. Upon her graduation from Western Carolina, Holly applied to UNC Charlotte because of what a large, urban university has to offer; her interests lie in the study of correction and of offender re-entry. Holly currently works part-time at a law firm, and in her spare time she enjoys spending time with her friends, her family, and her golden retriever, Buddy. You may also find her watching episodes of *SpongeBob*. She claims that if Hollywood ever made a movie about her life, it would be called *Holly: The Drama Magnet* and Zoey Deschanel would play the lead role.

Amber Sanders

of St. Marys, GA completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice at Georgia Southern University. Amber’s interest in Criminal Justice developed shortly after taking an Intro class in college, as well as after completing an internship with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Amber currently serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department, and works with Drs. Stogner and Turner. After completing her Master’s degree, she plans to pursue her Ph.D. Amber enjoys cooking, watching movies, and going to concerts. She has pet ducks back in Georgia, and is likely the only graduate student in the history of our program to have piloted a Navy submarine.

Katie Hunter

of Charlotte, NC completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology from UNC Charlotte. Katie has had a long-time interest in the study of law and of violent offenders. Having taken classes with several Departmental faculty as an undergraduate, Katie was drawn to UNC Charlotte's Master's program because of the faculty's areas of expertise. Even though she finds herself in the *same* Department with the *same* faculty, Katie acknowledges the differences between undergraduate and graduate education are striking. "For the first time in my academic life, I'm experiencing an overwhelming fear of incompetence in all of my classes. Usually this feeling only happens in math classes." Always with an interesting story to share, Katie has kissed a shark in the wild, has no sense of smell, and is passionate about cheese (except American cheese). After graduation Katie plans to pursue her Ph.D., "but that's assuming I do well in this program."

Emily Kamen

of Pittsburgh, PA completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology at Appalachian State University. Emily has had a long-standing interest in Criminal Justice and at one time considered becoming a lawyer, but realized her true interests lay elsewhere. Emily applied to UNC Charlotte's graduate program for the opportunity to work with the faculty (and for Charlotte's nice weather); currently, she serves as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department and works for Drs. Listwan, Lord and Phillips. Emily is most interested in the field of corrections, and plans to pursue her Ph.D. upon graduation. She enjoys reading, running, and shopping; she finds ketchup disgusting and watches all the seasons of *The Big Bang Theory* on a continuous loop. Her most memorable experience thus far as a FYG? Getting caught napping in the graduate lab. "I had just closed my eyes!"

Sarah O'Brien

of Endwell, NY completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology with a minor in Political Science at the University at Buffalo. Sarah's interest in Criminal Justice first sparked when she took a *Criminal Justice Systems* class during college. Sarah candidly admits that the weather had a lot to do with her interest in applying to UNC Charlotte, but now that she is here she finds her fellow-students and the departmental faculty to be a great appeal of the program (but she still misses her dog, Madison, whom she had to leave with her parents in NY). Sarah currently works as a Graduate Assistant in the Graduate School, likes to crochet, loves traveling (within and outside the US), and enjoys "reading something other than textbooks." When asked what she would do if she won the lottery, Sarah admits "Pay off student loans!"

Laura Barber

of Charlotte, NC completed her undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Laura's interests in Criminal Justice stem largely from her love of Criminal Justice research and from the opportunities the Criminal Justice field has to offer. Upon the completion of her undergraduate degrees, Laura—a first generation college student—knew she would continue with her education. "Graduate school was never 'not an option' for me." With Charlotte as her home and given her familiarity with the campus and the faculty, Laura did not apply to any other graduate programs. Laura has an interest in corrections and intends to pursue her Ph.D. upon graduation. In her free time, Laura works at Concord Mills, hangs out with her four dogs and bunny rabbit, watches a lot of *Doctor Who*, *Mad Men*, and *Arrested Development*, and writes poetry (with ten journals filled thus far). She also enjoys baking. "I can bake a mean cupcake. It might not be pretty, but it will be delicious."

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

SPRING 2013

Abukar, Abdimalik A.
Adams, Ashleigh R.
Alcantara, Stephanie
Alexander, Jason J.
Allen, Abigail D.
Allen, Clark D.
Ayalew, Yonathan F.
Baranowski, Ethan J.
Barber, Laura E.
Boden, Brianna N.
Bost, Adam A.
Brenson, Candice J.
Brewer, Jessica E.
Broughton, Shavaughn I.
Bullock, Cherie L.
Burgess, Corey L.
Burns, Arianna I.
Canter, Stephen B.
Cardella, April
Carlington, Kimberley
Cartwright, Michael T.
Chamberlain, Arion C.
Chappell, Jacques C.
Colon, Jennelee
Craft, Cheryl M.
Craig, Noma J.
Crump, Tanisha S.
Dancer, Donald C.
Dawi, Brian G.
Debruhl, Brittany A.
Demonbreun, Stephen M.
Denton, Jennifer K.
Denton, Julie C.
Ducos, Kristina J.
Duncan, Andrew S.

Eaton, Keonna C.
Evans, Paul H.
Faust, Yvonne L.
Fite, Whitney
Fuller, Mark B.
Furstenberg, Michael C.
Gann, Christopher B.
Garner, Kristen A.
Gavigan, Matthew W.
Glosson, Ashley
Grady, James L.
Graham, Evan O.
Green, Brianna M.
Grigley, Lisa Maria N.
Hakeem, Shagufta F.
Hall, Sabrina L.
Hammond, Candace L.
Hardy, Brice D.
Harton, Andrew M.
Herrick, Allison B.
Higa, Jana
Hobbs, Tyrell L.
Holliday, Sara N.
Howell, John M.
Hurst, Jennifer L.
Isaacs, Madison N.
James, Matthew C.
Johnson, Amy L.
Jones, Robin L.
Joyner, Cameron E.
Keller, Frank J.
Kinney, Arielle E.
Kraus, Jordan W.
Kumar, Bhavika
Laica, Kimberley A.
Laws, Heather M.
Lee, Shanique J.

Lowder, Matthew W.
Lowe, Kristopher R.
Luffman, Brandon K.
Magana, Maria G.
Marshall, Jackson G.
Mason, Jalissa M.
Mazzini, Stephanie
McClure, Lauren M.
McCrary, Tracy R.
Miller, Brittany M.
Morales Najera, Jhonathan J.
Murray, Stephen N.
Myers, Chadd B.
Nakpodia, John O.
Navas, Samantha L.
Nelson, Brooks L.
Newman, Kelsey P.
Osuba, Rafael A.
Parker, Keonta S.
Pedraza, Carlos M.
Perkins, Gregory R.
Rahilly, Leslie A.
Rasani, Amama
Ratz, Alexandra N.
Richmond, Briana L.
Roland, Justin K
Savage, Heather D.
Sawyers, Alex F.
Saya, Jordan J.
Self, Eric L.
Sellas, Lucy F.
Sepulveda, Fernando J.
Shackelford, Christopher E.
Simpson, Kristy L.
Sims, DeLane B.
Smith, Dashawn M.
Smith, Jessica L.

Smith, Jolisia L.
Spangler, Garrett
Sparger, Kelsey M.
Speas, Erica
Spoon, Jordan M.
Stewart, Jeremy C.
Stockton, Tiarra D.
Stone, Robert L.
Street, Victoria J.
Sukhram, Swarsatie G.
Summerlin, Michael E.
Swift, William A.
Tallent, Jessica B.
Thomas, Krystie A.
Thompson, Emily K.
Thompson, Hannah M.
Thompson, Stephanie L.
Thurston, Caleb
Townsend, Emanuel
Turner, Earl R.
Tyler, Gabriel
VanDroff, Christopher J.
VanSkiver, Joseph D.
Velez, Ashley R.
Vu, Nhan D.
Walters, Kylie A.
Walters, Laura M.
Weaver, Ciara C.
Welch, Sarah O.
West, Rosie D.
Wiesner, Andrew J.
Wilcox, Collin C.
Wilkinson, William B.
Willinsky, Amanda J.
Wilson, Derek R.
Wood, Addam D.
Yang, Chaoya S.

Zanzibar, Sakina

SUMMER 2013

Alcalde, Melissa
Alford, Carolyn
Amparo, Ismael E.
Bailey, Diana S.
Brafford, Robert S.
Cook, Angela N.
Cunius, Daniel P.
Doss, Clayton M.
Ebright, Scott L.
Fogleman, Wesley D.
Foster, Jeffrey S.
Freeman, Jordyn R.
Gage, Junotia M.
Ho, Richard H.
Johnson, Starlett C.
Kvitka, Bogdan N.
Lackey, Jason D.
Lane, Michael B.
Manganello, Drew M.
McChesney, Wayne J.
McLeod, Shaun R.
Mervosh, Samuel
Modlin, Melia B.
Rodgers, Gary L.
Silberman, Reuben L.
Smith, Jayson L.
Soto, Yoharis M.
Tilley, Alexander V.
White, Juanita
Whitley, Michael S.

Awards Banquet

April 2013

It is time for students to think about submitting their applications for the various Awards & Scholarships that are available to CJUS students. These awards and scholarships can be accessed through the following link.

<https://criminaljustice.uncc.edu/scholarshipsawards>

Last year over 35 students submitted applications and the recipients were honored at an event held on campus where they were able to share with family and friends their outstanding accomplishments.

Don't wait till the last minute to apply. Review those opportunities that you may qualify for and prepare to submit your applications in a timely manner. There is money to be had and we hope you will apply for it.

The Barnes & Nobles/UNCC Bookstore
Award
Brooke Shorts

Justice Initiatives Award
Diana Bailey



The NC Sheriffs' Association Under-graduate Criminal Justice Scholarship
Hannah Luke



Gray's College Bookstore Award
Holli Garrido



Justice Initiatives Award
Olga Statland



Undergraduate Deen Reep Scholarship
Jon Carroll



Outstanding Graduate Paper Award
Austin Acheson & Robert Lassiter



Alumni Board of Governor's Out-
standing Senior Award
Evan Graham



Wade H. Stroud Scholarship
Brianna Fulp



Law Enforcement
Memorial Scholarship
Henry Tigri



The Julie F. Beeman Recognition of
Excellence
Kathleen Pasquarella



Outstanding Paper Award
Hannah Luke & Robert Lassiter



Graduate Deen Reep Scholarship
Jessica Waldman

Student Accomplishments

Jennifer M. DeVinney & Henry B. Tigri

Jennifer M. DeVinney and Henry B. Tigri from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJ&C) were chosen to be Charlotte Research Scholars (CRS) this past summer. The CRS is a highly selective research-oriented program that pairs students and faculty to work solely on research for a 10-week period over the summer. Each of these students were paired with Dr. Turner, Associate Professor in CJ&C. Ms. DeVinney's project explored the impact of repeat bully victimizations in childhood and adolescence on levels of depression experienced during adulthood.

Mr. Tigri's explored the impact of gang membership, peer gang membership, and involvement in delinquency on illegal gun carrying experiences in adolescence. At the conclusion of the program, students engaged in poster presentations of their work. Manuscripts of their work have also been developed and will soon be under review at a peer-reviewed journal.

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Bruce Arrigo



In 2013, Dr Arrigo delivered the keynote address at Seattle University's Annual Conference on Criminal Justice and Mental Health. In addition, his book, *The Routledge Handbook of International Crime and Justice Studies*, was released and, it was co-edited with Heather Bersot, M.S.. Heather is a UNC Charlotte Criminal Justice and Criminology Department alumna.

Dr. Charisse Coston



Dr Charisse T. M. Coston focuses on especially vulnerable populations in her research. She is currently conducting research in the area of student success and the application of learning communities as one program strategy for addressing transfer student concerns along with Dr. Vivian Lord; Dr. Anita Blowers and their graduate teaching assistant: Douglas

Baals. Various invited research presentations which have focused on their research have been undertaken : at the American Society of Criminology annual meetings in Chicago, Illinois; the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (New York City, NY) and to The Office of the Provost and university-wide advisors.

Dr. Beth Bjerregaard



Beth Bjerregaard, continuing her interest in studying gang behaviors, published an article examining the role of school bonding factors in predicting gang membership in the journal of Women and Criminal Justice. She also continues to work on the North Carolina Sentencing Project, which this year published a piece on capital punishment aimed at a social workers whose roles in the capital sentencing

process have greatly expanded in recent years.

Dr. Shelley Listwan



Shelley Johnson Listwan recently published a book with Edward Latessa and Deborah Koetzle on the topic of correctional rehabilitation. The book, titled "What Works (and Doesn't) in Reducing Recidivism" is designed as a guidebook for both students and practitioners who are interested in how to design effective programs for adult and juvenile offenders.

Kathleen Nicolaides



Former federal prosecutor and senior lecturer, Kathleen Nicolaides, was interviewed by both WCNC and WSOC about the voluntary manslaughter charge against a CMPD officer in the shooting death of an unarmed man in a local neighborhood.

Dr. Shannon Reid



Dr. Reid successfully defended her dissertation "Institutional Friendship: Exploring the Egocentric Networks of Incarcerated Youth".

Dr. Lyn Exum



DR. M. Lyn Exum recently published a paper (with graduate student Ashley Zachowicz) examining the effects of intense emotional arousal on the cognitive processes thought to underlie the decision to offend. The chapter appears in the book *Affect and Cognition in Criminal Decision Making*. He also published a paper (with former graduate student Diana Bailey) on how accurately people can predict their

reactions when confronted with a real world criminal opportunity. The article appears in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Dr. Exum published a meta-analysis (with Dr. Joe Kuhns and former graduate students Tammatha Clodfelter and Martha Bottia) examining the prevalence of alcohol usage among homicide offenders. The article appears in *Homicide Studies*. He also published a paper (with a colleague at Sam Houston State University) comparing the criminal decision processes of college students to those of incarcerated offenders. The paper appears in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Finally, in the summer of 2013 Dr. Exum became the Graduate Coordinator for the Master's program in Criminal Justice.

Joseph Marinello



Mr. Marinello has devoted more attention to the development of the Criminal Justice Association. The CJA has over 75 active members and more students are wanting to join each month as a result of the programs developed thus far this year. He has also become a member of the University Men's Discussion Group which focuses on issues of Intimate Partner Violence as well as Sexual Violence. As the Department

Diversity Liaison, he has attended meetings to promote the promise of higher education in advancing social progress, and America's discomfort with race and social difference, and deal directly with many of the issues of inequality present in everyday life.

Outside the University, he continues to do volunteer work with Safe Alliance and the Men For Change Program which again this year raised close to \$50,000.00 which benefits the Shelter for Battered Women in Charlotte. Again he was named to the 2013 Board of Governors to The National Association of Forensic Counselors and remains as the State Director for North Carolina. He presented two workshops in Indianapolis this Fall on topics consisting of **Mentally Disordered Offenders in Corrections** and **Assessing the Lethality Potential of Batterers**.

Dr. Michael Turner



Michael Turner has recently published a few manuscripts in the journals *Crime and Delinquency* and *Journal of Criminal Justice*. One of these manuscripts investigated the demographic patterns of the cumulative arrest prevalence rates of a national sample of youth. The other manuscript explored the relationship between bully victimization and mental health during adolescence. He recently attended the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association

where he presented his research on the association between bully victimization in childhood and adolescence and legal consequences experienced during adulthood. Dr. Turner is beginning work on a project with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools to understand the nature and extent of bullying and bullying victimizations among middle and high school students.

Dr. John Stogner



In the last several months Dr. Stogner has published a number of articles on novel drugs including ones focused on synthetic cannabinoids (*Journal of Substance Use*), synthetic stimulants known as 'bath salts' (*Drug and Alcohol Review*), and 'purple drank' (*Addictive Behaviors, American Journal of Criminal Justice*). He has also published a biosocial study in the *Journal of Criminal Justice* and

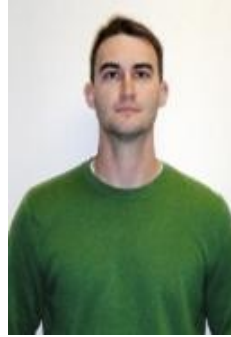
explored the relationship between friendship quality and substance use in works published in the *Journal of Crime & Justice* and the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*. He was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Dr. Vivian B. Lord



Dr. Lord recently returned from Chennai, India as a Fulbright Scholar. She taught Victimization and researched All-Women Police Stations during her six-month fellowship. She also was key-note presenter for six conferences/seminars in southern India during her stay. An article of her research will be published in the Police Forum this fall. Dr. Lord also authored a book chapter for the book, *Restorative Justice*, edited by Dr. R. Thilagaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Criminology, University of Madras and printed by Springer Publications.

Dr. Matthew Phillips



Dr. Matthew Phillips has had two papers published this year, both appearing in *Justice Quarterly*, which are entitled "Are risky youth less protectable as they age? The dynamics of protection during adolescence and young adulthood," and "Explaining systematic bias in self-report measures: Factors that affect the under- and over-reporting of self-reported arrests." Dr. Phillips joins the faculty at UNC Charlotte after serving as an analyst for the US Intelligence Community. During his federal service he received numerous commendations, including the Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholars Program Award.

Dr. Jen Hartman



Dr. Jen Hartman recently had two articles accepted for publication. The first, "Polyvictimization Risk in Prison: The Influence of Individual and Institutional Factors" (with co-authors Drs. Listwan, Daigle and Guastafarro) in the peer-reviewed journal, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. The second article "Exploring Individual and Organizational Factors that Contribute to Compassion Satisfaction, Secondary Traumatic Stress, and Burnout in Domestic Violence Service Providers" based on original research collected in multiple states along with co-authors Drs. Kulkarni and Bell, will be published in the *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.

Dr. Hartman who teaches a course on Gender, Race and Justice is currently working with a Levine scholar, and CJ&C major, Ms. Christina Neitzey to understand how local police, court and social service agencies will be impacted by the Safe Harbor Law legislation. The aim of this legislation to address the sex trafficking of children and child sexual abuse. Dr. Hartman was also recently re-appointed to the Lake Norman advisory board of Safe Alliance. Safe Alliance (formerly United Family Services) offers critical crises services to those victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Dr. Anita Blowers



Dr. Anita Blowers' current research focuses on issues pertaining to elders and the criminal justice system. Dr. Blowers recently conducted a study examining sentencing outcomes for older defendants. Findings of this research are presented in the article "Sentencing outcomes of the older prisoner population: An exploration of the age leniency argument" published in the *Journal of Crime & Justice*. In addition, Dr. Blowers conducts research on issues pertaining to older inmates. Recently her focus has been on whether older inmates should be housed with younger inmates or whether they should be housed separately. Another issue deals with issues pertaining to older inmates as they prepare for reentry into society. This research is being published as two book chapters; "The Age Segregation Debate" and "Community Reentry and Aging Inmates" in J. J. Kerbs & J. M. Jolley (Eds.), *Senior Citizens Behind Bars: Challenges for the Criminal Justice System*.

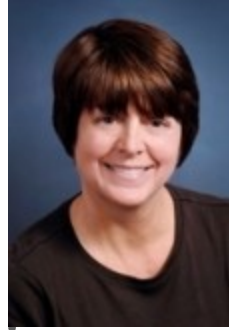
Dr. Blowers also conducts research on various issues pertaining to elder abuse and mistreatment and recently conducted a training session, "Successful Investigation and Prosecution Practices of Elder Abuse Cases". Dr. Blowers was appointed to serve on the *Strategic Alliance for Elders in Long Term Care Task Force* for the state of North Carolina. Dr. Blowers was also recently appointed to Secretary for the Board of Directors for Justice Initiatives, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the judicial system in Mecklenburg County.

Dr. Joe Kuhns



Dr. Joe Kuhns served as the lead author on two recent articles, both with current or former UNCC students. The first, *The Prevalence of Alcohol-Involved Homicide Offending: A Meta Analytic Review*, will appear in *Homicide Studies*. The second, *Perceptions and Observations of County Crime and Disorder Among Small Sheriffs' Agencies in Suburban and Rural America*, will appear in *The Journal of Law Enforcement*. In addition, his funded study of burglars and the factors that influence their decisions to offend has been presented at several conferences this year, was reprinted in various forms and formats, and was featured on a Charlotte Talks radio show.

Susan Hodge



Early this year, Susan Hodge contributed an entry to the *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice* titled, "Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professionals". This encyclopedia was designed for adoption by college and university libraries for use primarily by undergraduate students seeking an overview of specific content areas in highly readable form. As of this summer, Susan Hodge has agreed to be the Advising Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Faculty Spotlight

Bruce A. Arrigo is Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Law, and Society. In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, he holds additional faculty appointments in the Psychology Department and the Public Policy Program. In the College of Health and Human Services, he holds an appointment in the Department of Public Health Sciences. Professor Arrigo is also a Faculty Associate in the Center for Professional and Applied Ethics – a teaching, research, and service unit of the Philosophy Department, a senior member of the University Honors College, and a Faculty Affiliate of Wake Forest University's Bioethics, Health, and Society Program.

Dr. Arrigo began his professional career as a community organizer for and social activist on behalf of the homeless and marginally housed, for users of (mental) health services, for adult and juvenile ex-offenders, for survivors of sexual assault, and for abusers of licit/illicit drugs. Professor Arrigo's work with these constituencies culminated in his overseeing the novel social designing and implementation of affordable, single room occupancy (SRO) housing for a number of poor, homeless, or otherwise disenfranchised citizens residing in Pittsburgh, PA. His civic engagement in this area also included developing and managing the facility's human welfare and social policy agenda. During his

Directorship, this agenda addressed the unmet needs of thousands of under-served and non-served children, adults, and families living in the city of Pittsburgh.

Professor Arrigo was awarded the Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University in the Administration of Justice (specializing in law, mental health, and justice policy). He has additional graduate training in law, as well as advanced degrees in psychology and in sociology. He served as founding Director of the Institute of Psychology, Law, and Public Policy at the California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno (1996-2001).

Dr. Arrigo is a highly prolific, internationally acclaimed, and award winning researcher and scholar. He has (co)authored more than 175 peer-reviewed journal articles, law reviews, chapters in books, and academic essays. He is also the (co)author or (co)editor of more than 30 titles and volumes, published or in press. Dr. Arrigo's scholarship explores the normative and philosophical, empirical and clinical, and/or practice and policy dimensions of various human justice and social welfare issues relevant to an understanding of: (1) law, mental health, and society; (2) theory, culture, and society; and (3) deviance, violence, and society.

Dr. Arrigo has been a (co) principal

investigator for a number of public, private, and corporate grants and contracts totaling approximately \$3,000,000. Sources of funding support have included the Departments of HUD and FEMA, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (CA), and the William Penn Foundation (PA). He has served as a consultant to various organizations and institutions including the Correctional Service of Canada, the National Institute of Justice, the Florida Psychological Association, the National Science Foundation, and Savant Learning Systems. These consultancies have emphasized progressive public affairs policy and practice, evidenced-based research and programming, and citizenship-oriented education and training.

Dr. Arrigo is the author of the stage play, "No Place...Like Home." The play depicts his experiences of working with and living among homeless, poor, and disenfranchised citizens in the city of Pittsburgh, PA during the early-to-mid 1980's. He plays the piano and harmonica; although, he claims that he is not great at either of them. If he had another career, Dr. Arrigo claims he would like to own a restaurant and name it "Lots of Pasta."

Honors Program

For further information,
contact Dr. Matthew Phillips at
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Do you ever give yourself permission to consider that you may already be (or certainly could become) an excellent student? There are lots of ways to think about this question. But, one way to think about it, maybe even a way that is truly remarkable, is for you to consider what your talents are. So, if you're talented at:

1. reading (people, situations, events, and, most importantly, yourself)
2. interpreting (the people that you are curious about, the world around you)
3. exploring (how our systems of law, punishment, policing, treatment and/or corrections matter)
4. reaching (for answers that YOU want!)

then, you have to make a choice.

Do you want to reach for excellence? If so, you can start by applying to the Honors Program. It's a big reach to be sure. Are you ready? The first place to begin is by visiting the Criminal Justice and Criminology Honors Program site:

<http://criminaljustice.unc.edu/undergraduate-programs/criminal-justice-honors-program>

Clayton Morgan

I joined the departmental honors program in Criminal Justice to get exposure in conducting research and writing that is worthy of publication in academic journals. The Criminal Justice Departmental Honors Program also allows me the opportunity to work individually with faculty members that are experienced in the nuances of conducting original research and getting that research published. This opportunity will provide me a means to get valuable one-on-one mentoring for continuing my career in academia.

I am currently pursuing a double major in Criminal Justice and Software & Information Systems, and a double minor in Cognitive Science and Philosophy. In my research I would like to utilize the education I have received in each of the departments I take classes in. For my honors research, I am interested in exploring the ethical and digital security issues of data collected on U.S. citizens in the form of mass surveillance, as well as, exploring the psychological and legal impact that such surveillance has on U.S. Citizens.

I believe these issues are important to explore as our nation continues to increase the amount of data that is collected and retained on every U.S. citizen. As the line between safety and privacy is slowly diminished the psyche of the nation is sure to change and the zeitgeist for our time is surely to be one of great upheaval.

Adrianna Bradt

Ever since I was a little girl I have dreamed of having a career in the criminal justice field. No one really knew exactly where this desire had come from at such an early age, but years later, now in my fourth year of college, my passion lives on. University of North Carolina (UNC) Charlotte has provided a great undergraduate experience thus far. I have sincerely enjoyed taking classes within the criminal justice department, especially those where I have been challenged to think beyond the realm of what I ever have before and deeper into the issues of our criminal justice system. My passion for education and the criminal justice field has

manifested itself into an interest in writing and research. These interests led me to the Criminal Justice Honors Program. In all honesty, I did not know of this program until one of my professors, Dr. Arrigo, approached me about it and said that I should consider applying.

After learning more about the honors program and what would be required of me, I decided it was the perfect opportunity to become more involved academically and develop skills in writing and research. As a student in the Criminal Justice Honors program, I will take six credit hours of honor

courses and complete an undergraduate thesis. I plan to write my thesis on veterans involved in the criminal justice system, with a specific focus on the use of veteran's courts in the United States as a means of diversion. Although I am still in the early stages of this journey, I am excited to see where this will take me as a student and as an aspiring professional. UNC Charlotte's Criminal Justice Department does a phenomenal job at encouraging students to do and become all they can while studying at this university.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma is a Criminal Justice national honor society that recognizes academic excellence of Undergraduate and Graduate students of Criminal Justice. Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society which is a certified member of The Association of College Honor Societies and affiliated with The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence; community service; educational leadership and unity. The membership requirements include an overall GPA and GPA in the Criminal Justice major of 3.2 for undergraduates and 3.4 for graduate students. You must have completed at least 12 hours in Criminal Justice coursework. Applications are received in both fall and spring semesters. Members of Alpha Phi Sigma may purchase graduation regalia designating this honor.



The UNCC Criminal Justice and Criminology department has a very active local chapter. Omega Theta maintains about 30 members and participates in activities that give back to the community as well as activities that benefit our students. For example, they will be hosting a Criminal Justice Job Fair in February with the Criminal Justice Association that will bring in many potential employers and graduate school opportunities for our students. They are also planning many more activities for the current academic year! Look for information on upcoming events!

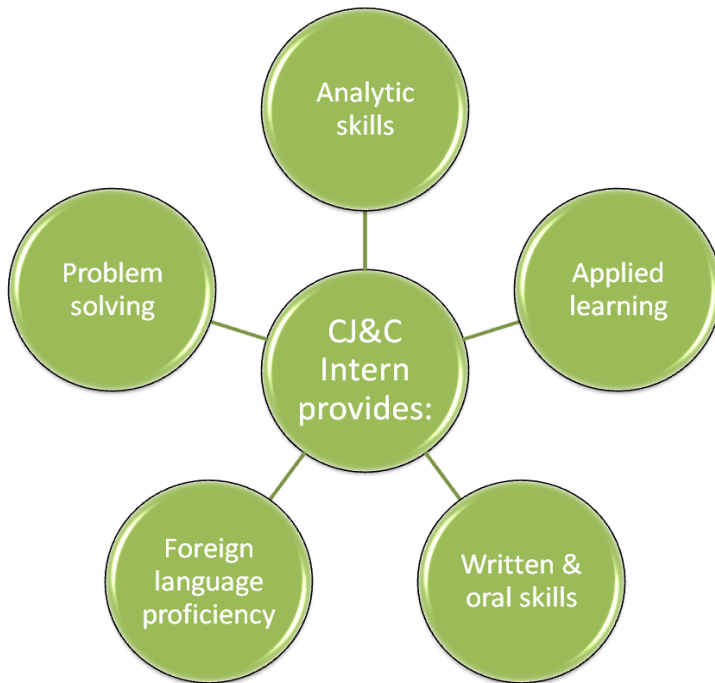
CJ Association

2013-2014 Officers

President: Nicole Conklin
Vice President: Kayla Chrismer
Secretary: Benjamin Douglas
Treasurer: Johnathien Steele
Faculty Advisor: Joe Marinello

The CJ Association at UNC Charlotte is designed to provide insight into the criminal justice field for the student body. It offers information to those students who show interest in the field of criminal justice, regardless of their educational or career objectives. The Association held their first meeting on September 18th for the academic year. President, Nicole Conklin conducted the meeting while attendees offered suggestions as to what events they would like the association to offer its members. CJA is hoping to expand their activities for the year and gain more involvement from members. Some of these activities include; a food drive for Harvest Food Bank in November, a holiday reception for graduating Seniors to be held in December and partnering with Alpha Phi Sigma to host a Career Day in February. Throughout the year they hope to attend a Courthouse tour, a sporting event for fundraiser purposes, as well as an event to say farewell to the graduates in May.

Why Consider a CJ&C Internship?



In general, academic internships are a three-way partnership among an institution of higher education, the agency, and the student. This partnership, when executed in a meaningful manner, can be a win-win for all parties. Specifically, universities benefit by demonstrating a commitment to engaged learning that benefits the local community, and they are able to meet the institutional goal of furthering the education of their students. Participation in an internship program can be a rewarding experience for students and offers numerous benefits to employers who host an internship program. Ideally, these programs allow employers to find future employees, increase productivity and retention rates and revitalize an organization with a contemporary perspective and/or new technical skill sets. Agencies that have established responsibilities and/or tasks that provide a challenging education experience for students are often the most rewarding for the employer, as well as the intern. As seen in the graph, a CJ&C intern can bring multiple skills to an internship placement. For example, interns have strong analytic and problem solving skills, as well as oral and written skills, while some interns have proficiency in foreign languages. The CJ&C department currently places interns in over 70+ different local, state and federal agencies.

If your agency is willing to host a CJ&C intern, please contact Dr. Hartman
jhartman@uncc.edu

Advising

The advising department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is off and running for Fall 2013 with some changes that aspiring CJC majors need to know about! In addition to the standard requirements for admission to the criminal justice major, beginning Fall 2013 students interested in becoming a major must successfully complete a writing component. This essay will assess the students' general knowledge of the criminal justice system (successful completion of CJUS 1100 with a "C" or better is required prior to sitting for the essay). Students' substantive understanding of the system and their ability to communicate their answer accurately and completely are minimum requirements for passing the essay writing component. For students currently enrolled in CJUS 1100, this writing component will be administered in your class. For those who have already taken CJUS 1100 or have transferred this class from another school, the writing component will be offered in at the beginning of each semester. The grading rubric is available for students to view on the CJC website.

Students, always utilize Niner Advisor to make your advising appointments. By using this system, you are able to view all the available times of the advisors and schedule your appointment at your convenience.

Once you have completed

all of these requirements and have at least a 2.0, you will need to attend a meeting to declare the major. These are scheduled throughout the semester and you can find the dates on the CJC website.

Another important change

is regarding the foreign language requirement. Students must make a grade of "C" or better in their final required class in their foreign language in order to get credit in the major.

Advising holds for the Spring 2014

registration will be placed on majors with 85-100 earned hours, majors with GPA under a 2.0 and pre-CJ majors with 85-100 hours. If you fall into any of these categories, please make an appointment with an advisor early so you will be ready to register when registration opens.

Justice Studies Abroad

This summer nine undergraduate and two graduate students spent the month of July living and studying in London through the Justice Studies Abroad program led by Dr. Anita Blowers. The Justice Studies Abroad program gives students an opportunity to justice studies internationally while also learning about British culture. The program is based at Kingston University in Kingston -Upon-Thames, a borough of London. The students were enrolled at Kingston University where they completed two courses: American & British Legal Systems, taught by Dr. Blowers, and British Life & Culture taught by faculty from Kingston University. Each student earns six credit hours. Both classes incorporated classroom lectures with experiential learning. During the month the students had the opportunity to conduct many field trips. For example, in the American & British Legal systems course some of the highlights included an insider tour of the Houses of Parliament, a tour on the history of imprisonment and torture at the Tower of London, a tour of a local police department, court observations at both local and appellate level courts. In the British Life & Culture class the students went to a wide variety of historical and cultural in the London and surrounding areas. Highlights included trips to Stonehenge, Cambridge, and Bath.

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

- St. Augustine

In addition to the tours offered through the classes, many of the students took advantage of the opportunity to go on optional excursions to Scotland, Ireland, and Paris arranged by Kingston University.

This coming year's program and course (International Seminar on Drugs and Crime) will be led by Dr. John Stogner.

For more details and photos of the trip see our blog at <http://unccatkingston.blogspot.com/>

A Students Perspective

Kevin Cunnane,
Undergraduate student

"I have realized that as an American we tend to live in our own tiny little worlds. But there is so much more out there in this world that everyone should see and experience at least once in their lifetime... for me studying aboard, even just for the month, has changed my life in so many ways. I will always look back at this experience as one of the happiest times of my life".

Lisa Gorznsky,
Graduate student

"Simply put, this study abroad experience has changed my life. I feel incredibly blessed to have been a part of this trip. I met some incredible people... I experienced firsthand the culture of British life... spending a month in Kingston allowed me to really learn and embrace the British cultureI would absolutely recommend this trip to anyone and everyone.



Blanca Taylor

Undergraduate student

"The Justice Stud-

ies Abroad program has been an experience that I never want to forget. I have learned so much about myself and about England...I have grown as an individual and academically...this program has opened a door in my brain and my heart that I do not want to close."

Calla Luper

Undergraduate student

"Overall, this trip

has impacted me more than I ever imagined. This has given me just a taste of the world... I have met some of the best people that I know will be lifelong friends. I have expanded my horizons and grasped a new outlook on the world. Academically, this has really expanded my views on the court and legal system of the United Kingdom"

London, England



Those of you who are interested in participating, please contact the Program Director for information about program details, Dr. Charisse Coston at ccoston@uncc.edu; for more information about the course that Dr. Stogner will teach, please contact him directly at johnstogner@uncc.edu. General questions can be answered by Ms. Kim Kuhn kkuhn3@uncc.edu at the Office of Education Abroad.

Cheers!



Learning Community

Criminal Justice and Criminology's Criminal Justice Learning Community has 25 participants this year. Each student will earn a certificate validating their completion of the program, six credit hours of CJ electives and fulfillment of an oral and written communication requirement. Participants are acclimating to the UNC-C environment and the CJ & C major. Mr. Douglas Baals will serve as the programs' Peer Liaison for a second year and will oversee the completion of their volunteer experience.

*Welcome participants of the
2014 Criminal
Justice Learning
Community for Transfer
Students!*



“My experience being in the Learning Community class was phenomenal. It gave me the opportunity to not only meet new students with the same interest in Criminal Justice, but to also participate volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Charlotte. The CJ Learning Community really gives transfer students the opportunity to explore different aspects of the Criminal Justice Field and UNC Charlotte. I highly recommend this course for all transfer students” - Doraza Sings

*Special Guest Speaker
Dr. Pamela Lattimore*

The department had the distinct pleasure of hosting Dr. Pamela Lattimore from the Research Triangle Institute as a guest speaker on March 24th. Her colloquium, entitled “What I do & Why I do it,” provided faculty and students with an in-depth understanding of RTI's innovative policy research.

Pre Law Society Takes on Washington, D.C.

Before sunrise on the first Monday of summer vacation, sixteen members of UNC Charlotte's Pre-Law Society embarked on a journey to Washington, D.C. for a whirlwind three-day adventure in our nation's capital. Upon arriving at our hotel, everyone was eager to head downtown to explore the city, visit the many monuments and check out D.C.'s legendary cupcake scene.

On Tuesday morning we visited the U.S. Supreme Court, where we were guests at a lecture in the majestic courtroom where the most controversial issues facing our nation are debated and decided. Wendy Grubbs, a lawyer and UNC Charlotte alumna with an extraordinary dedication to her alma mater, treated us to lunch at her office and an incredible view of D.C. from the office's roof terrace, highlighted by Ms. Grubbs' advice about the future and hilarious, insight-filled stories about her illustrious career. She encouraged us all to seek out opportunities that will make use of our unique skills and lead us beyond our comfort zones – wisdom that was taken to heart by all. Next we had the privilege of sitting down with Acting Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Mary Lou Leary, the head of the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs, along with her

colleague from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Our visit to the Office of Justice Programs turned into a thoughtful discussion of issues facing the community that included adolescent recidivism and violence prevention. As a former teacher,

federal prosecutor and victims advocate, AAG Leary shared her unique perspective regarding these issues along with some of the current efforts in progress to address them. After sampling more of D.C.'s endless culinary options for dinner, a few of us got front-row seats on the Metro to an impromptu musical performance by a group of police officers (while the train was in motion...complete with drums and a bagpipe).

We started out our last day in D.C. by meeting Ms. Gretchen Shappert, former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina (headquartered in Charlotte) and current assistant director of the Indian, Violent and Cyber Crime Staff at the Justice Department's Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Ms. Shappert generously arranged for our group to have a tour of the Justice Department's library and main building. When we passed by Attorney General Eric Holder's office, nearly everyone in the group scrambled to take pictures with the sign outside the door that stated "Office of the Attorney General." It was hard to believe that the

Pre Law pictured with Wendy Grubbs



Pre Law pictured with Gretchen Shappert in Great Hall of Justice





Attorney General Eric Holder and Pre Law Society

Attorney General of the United States really worked inside that office until we were surprised to actually see him in the flesh – he was leaving the office on his way testify on Capitol Hill (escorted by Secret Service) but he made time to stop to chat with us for a few minutes and pose with the group for a photo. Attorney General Holder invited us into his private conference room to “take a look around,” a privilege Ms. Shappert told us that not many people have had the chance to do. This chance meeting had

the entire group buzzing with excitement and was a surprise we will always remember. Due to his congressional obligations related to the Farm Bill, our appointment with Congressman Richard Hudson from North Carolina had to be cancelled, but thanks to him and his staff we were still given a great tour of the Capitol building.

As a result of spending hours together on I-95, working together to successfully navigate the Metro system, and spending free time getting to know each other, our group

experienced an incredible growth in camaraderie throughout the three days we were in Washington, D.C. According to one member, the trip was “an amazing academic and career building opportunity. We were able to observe, hear stories, ask questions and develop relationships with individuals to use as examples in our lives.” Another reflected, “...this trip has solidified my ambitions of going to law school and anchoring my career in an area such as D.C.” Over half of our group was in our nation’s capital for the first time on this trip – one of these members said of his first time in D.C., “I would not have been given this experience elsewhere and it is something I am truly grateful for!”

This Pre-Law Society trip was the result of many months of planning and collaboration, and we have many people to thank for making it such a success. We are so grateful to the individuals we met while we were in D.C. who gave us both their valuable time and wisdom. We also owe a huge thank you to the members who helps fundraise, past and current executive board members, Dean Nancy Gutierrez and, above all, our phenomenal advisor Professor Kathleen Nicolaidis. If all goes all planned, UNC Charlotte’s Pre-Law Society will travel to Washington, D.C. again in 2015.



Constitution Day



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Beginning in 2005 the Criminal Justice & Criminology Department and the Pre-law Society has hosted Constitution Day. The annual event marks the observance of the federal Constitution Day, or Citizenship Day, recognizing the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and those who have become citizens due to either coming of age or naturalization. Every year the goal is to discuss a hot topic in the news and get various points of view on the issue.

This year the topic was the “Tension Between National Security and Personal Privacy.” The program was in two parts for the first time. The first part took place on Monday, September 16th at the University City studio of WFAE where the panel did *Charlotte Talks* with Mike Collins. The second part was in McKnight Hall the following day, where the same panel covered somewhat different ground before a full house of students and faculty.

The panel featured Clark Walton and Sarah Preston and moderator Cynthia Combs. Clark Walton recently won the ABA Young Lawyers Award, just co-authored the ABA’s new *Cybersecurity Guidebook*, teaches at Charlotte School of Law, and is in private practice in Charlotte.

Sarah Preston is the policy director for the ACLU in Raleigh and speaks on privacy issues regularly. Cindy Combs is a well known scholar on terrorism issues and a faculty member in UNC Charlotte’s Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

The panel addressed, among other things, the Snowden issues, the Fourth Amendment, whistleblowers, metadata and certain sections of the Patriot Act. The panel often took differing views and students seemed to enjoy the discussion of whether or not Mr. Snowden was a traitor or a patriot. As one student said in a paper submitted for credit in Evidence, “I anticipated learning a thing or two about national security and the Fourth Amendment protections and I certainly did, but I also experienced something that I hadn’t anticipated: the swaying of my opinion.” The panelists answered audience questions at the end of the event.

Scott Wickersham of WCNC covered the event and interviewed the president of the Pre-law Society, Christina Neitzey, after the program. Her interview aired on the 5:00pm news that night.

UNC Charlotte Mediation Program

Director: Vivian B. Lord, Ph.D.



Mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution Practices are used around the world in more and more locations from the civil and district courts to hospitals, real estate, and business settlement. A trained mediator is a neutral third party who assists disputants voluntarily to reach a mutually acceptable settlement of the issues in dispute. Mediation saves disputants money, time, and emotional anguish and stress.

The UNC Charlotte Mediation Program offers students courses, mediation tournaments, and service to the university and larger community. Through its many opportunities, students bridge the gulf between classroom theory and the real world disputes and leave university life prepared to mediate real problems under realistic situations.

Courses

CJUS 3114 Conflict Resolution/Mediation: Taught spring semesters. Students are introduced to the varied elements of conflict and conflict resolution, with a specific emphasis on mediation. It also prepares students to apply conflict resolution and mediation skills to their personal lives.

CJUS 4000 Practical Application of Mediation: Taught fall semesters. This course provides advanced mediation and conflict resolution techniques to students. It also prepares students to compete in mediation tournaments, conduct peer mediations on campus and train future peer mediators.

Mediation Tournaments

The Mediation Tournaments require our students to use critical thinking skills on disputes similar to what they will face daily in personal and professional lives. The tournaments are not about “winning” (although there are trophies), but rather sharing. Champion students are those who share. Students co-mediate with students from other universities. Listening and sharing are the keys of success. Regional: First weekend in October at Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia. National: Rotates-Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa; John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Peer Mediation Service Projects

Charlotte Mecklenburg School System-UNC Charlotte students in CJUS 3114 participate in peer mediation training in CMS middle and high schools that is sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Dispute Settlement Program. UNC Charlotte students demonstrate mediation skills through role plays and then provide feedback to the CMS students when they role play.

NEW PROGRAM FOR 2014!!!

UNC Charlotte Peer Mediation

program In collaboration with UNC Charlotte’s Student Services and the UNC Charlotte Mediation Program. Peer mediators will be trained through the Advanced Mediation Program. These mediators will facilitate resolution in specific referred cases and conduct presentations to organizations about the peer mediation program.

Please Give!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO: Stephanie Jennings' Memorial Mediation Fund

Stephanie Jennings, the Director of the Dispute Settlement Program for Mecklenburg County, agreed to teach the mediation course and coach the students at the regional tournament beginning in 2007. In the second year, Stephanie Jennings pleaded with her contacts in the business community to fund students to participate in the National Tournament in Chicago.

Thanks to the generous support of people like you. She raised \$5,000 and took UNC Charlotte students to Chicago where they had an incredible experience at the National Tournament; the first of this type of competition for all of her students. On the way to the airport surrounded by her students from UNC Charlotte, Stephanie collapsed and died.

The students of UNC Charlotte and the Charlotte community have much to thank Stephanie for, which is one reason we are beginning a Stephanie Jennings Memorial Mediation Fund to help fund the Mediation program and all it is doing for UNC Charlotte students. For more information: Contact Vivian Lord (704) 687-0752; vb lord@uncc.edu



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