Editorial Introduction

This document represents the first of what is intended to be a long series of annual departmental newsletters. The goal of these newsletters will be to keep internal and external stakeholders apprised of the department’s many accomplishments.

In the past academic year one new instructor and one new tenure-track position were added to the department. That said, one of the senior faculty recently accepted a phased retirement plan with the university. At this time, the Department of Criminal Justice possesses two professors (Dr. Michael Meyer and Dr. Bruce DiCristina), three associate professors (Dr. Martin Gottschalk [chair], Dr. Wendelin Hume, and Dr. Roni Mayzer), one assistant professor (Dr. Adam Matz), one instructor (Ms. Rachel Jordan) and one administrative secretary (Ms. Joyce Zak).

The department possesses one of the most popular majors in the college, with enrollment figures that have ranged from 214 (2014) to 276 (2012) students annually over the past five years. Each year anywhere from 50-to-70 students graduate with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Most promising, the College of Arts & Sciences, as a whole, possesses a 93-98% employment rate according to UND’s employment survey (dating back to 2002).

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates there are over 800,000 policing jobs across the country, with an expected growth rate of 4% for the next 10 years. North Dakota includes an estimated 1,280 patrol officers, as well as 290 detectives and criminal investigators. Other criminal justice occupations include correctional officers, probation officers, correctional treatment specialists, and security guards. There are about 475,000 correctional officer jobs, 91,700 probation officer and correctional treatment specialist jobs, and 1.1 million security and surveillance jobs in the U.S. Each occupation, similar to policing, has an expected growth rate of about 4% for the next 10 years. Finally, BLS estimates there are 1,630 security guards, 920 correctional officers, and about 150 probation officers or treatment specialists in the state of North Dakota. In other words, there are well over 3,000 criminal justice-related jobs in the state.

In addition to providing guidance for many of who will go on to become the police officers, corrections officers, and community supervision officers of tomorrow, UND faculty also contribute to the production of scholarly products and the knowledge generation expected of a scientific discipline. This includes work associated with operating a doctoral program (Ph.D.), one of less than 50 such programs in the U.S. recognized by the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology & Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ). The program, which began roughly a decade
ago, is at risk due to the university’s budgetary cuts, a consequence of larger state revenue shortfalls. Beginning in 2007, a total of 23 students have entered the program and seven (30%) have since completed their degree.

The following pages highlight a variety of achievements, individuals, and notable events associated with the department.

Alumni Spotlight

On October 3, 2016, Lt. Heuerman from Colorado returned to Grand Forks and took time from his busy schedule to visit and speak with students in the CJ 270 Introduction to Corrections class. A UND alumnus, Lt. Heuerman was gracious enough to also share a short description of his career with us for the alumni spotlight.

“I am Lt. Donald Heuerman II. While at the University of North Dakota I double majored in Criminal Justice and Sociology. After I graduated in 2010, I moved back to Colorado and began working for the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2011. I started at the rank of Officer where I was assigned to Housing and Recreation. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2013 and began working in the intelligence unit. In 2015 I was promoted to Lieutenant and am currently an Intelligence Supervisor. I recently accepted a position as an Intelligence Analyst at the Colorado Department of Corrections Headquarters. I thoroughly enjoy working in the intelligence field. I interview offenders, investigate facility incidents and assist with investigating contraband introduction.”

“Working in corrections is often a difficult job but can be very rewarding. Either it be finishing an investigation or preventing the introduction of contraband. The most rewarding thing to me, is being able to observe offenders consciously make life changing decisions for the good. When an offender has made those life style choices and demonstrate their ability to succeed in society upon their release, it is a great reward knowing that they will be productive members of society.”

Interested in knowing more or have a question? Feel free to reach out to Lt. Heuerman at dheuermanii@yahoo.com or visit the Colorado Department of Corrections website at www.colorado.gov/cdoc.

Faculty Spotlight

The department would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Michael Meyer. He laid the groundwork for criminal justice to be a distinct, independent, department at the University. He was also instrumental in the development of the graduate program. He will soon begin a two-year phase-out process as he prepares for retirement. He joined UND in 1984. Early in his professional career, he spent five years (1972-1977) as a police officer in Honolulu and as head criminal justice planner for the city and county of Honolulu (1977-1978). His teaching expertise includes police administration, criminal investigation, public administration, and research methods.

Dr. Meyer received his doctorate in sociology, with a specialization in deviancy and social control, from the University of Oklahoma in 1986. He also possesses a Master of Public Administration degree from University of Oklahoma, as well as a Master of Arts degree in sociology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. He has received a variety of awards including the 2011 recipient of the Thomas Castellano Award for his lifetime commitment and leadership to the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA). He also does guest lectures, as well as engages in research projects, with the Tshwane University of Technology and the University of Kwazulu-Natal in the Republic of South Africa. He intends to continue his work in South Africa after retirement.

He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in renowned journals such as Police Quarterly and Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management, served on multiple dissertation and thesis committees, and conducted presentations at numerous criminal justice conferences across the U.S. and South Africa. Finally, he is a longtime member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), including the Police and International subsections, as well as MCJA where he served as president from 1992-93.
Doctoral Student Spotlight

Ziwei Qi is from Tianjin, China. She earned a B.A. degree in Law at Nankai University and a M.S. degree in Criminal Justice from St. Cloud University. Her primary research interests include urban criminology, comparative criminal justice, and cross-cultural research methods. Having completed her coursework and comprehensive examinations, she is currently working on her dissertation concerning urbanization, migration, and crime in urban China with Dr. Martin Gottschalk. Her other committee members include Dr. Michael Meyer, Dr. Roni Mayzer, Dr. Bruce DiCristina, and Dr. Paul Sum.

Ms. Qi is excited to have recently accepted an offer as a visiting assistant professor and looks forward to her transition from a student to a professor in the near future.

Criminal Justice Conferences

June 7-10, 2017 – Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS) in Portsmouth, RI.

July 4-7, 2017 – Annual Meeting of the British Society of Criminology at Sheffield Hallam University in UK.

July 10-13, 2017 – International Conference on Crime and Justice in Asia and the Global South co-hosted by the Crime and Justice Research Center and Asian Criminological Society in Cairns, Australia.

July 24-26, 2017 – North Dakota Children’s Justice Symposium in Bismark, ND.

August 7-9, 2017 – The 20th International Gang Specialist Training Conference hosted by The National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) in Chicago, IL.

August 18-23, 2017 – Annual Congress of Correction of the American Correctional Association (ACA) in St. Louis, MO.


September 10-13, 2017 – 45th Annual conference and training institute of the National Association of Pretrial Services (NAPSA) in Pittsburgh, PA.

September 12-14, 2017 – The Third World Congress on Probation in Tokyo, Japan.

September 28-29, 2017 – Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) in Chicago, IL.


October 29-31, 2017 – Annual Research Conference of the International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) in Seattle, WA.

November 15-18 – Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) in Philadelphia, PA.

November 16-19, 2017 – Annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) in Baltimore, MD.
Student Groups

Alpha Pi Omega (APiO)

The Alpha Pi Omega sorority is the country’s oldest Native American greek letter organization. The mission of the sorority is to support college women in today’s society. The sorority works to preserve Native American traditions. For more information about APiO at UND contact Dr. Wendelin Hume at wendelin.hume@UND.edu or by phone at 701.777.4001.

Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) Criminal Justice Honor Society

Alpha Phi Sigma is the only criminal justice honor society which is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies. It is also affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), one of the two largest associations within the criminal justice profession. For more information about APS at UND contact Dr. Roni Mayzer at roni.mayzer@UND.edu or by phone at 701.777.2078.

Criminal Justice Association (CJA)

The Criminal Justice Association typically meets twice a month to discuss criminal justice issues. Members also participate in volunteer activities in the community including trips, fundraising, and the provision of guest speakers. For more information on CJA contact Dr. Martin Gottschalk at martin.gottschalk@UND.edu or by phone at 701.777.3639 or Rachel Jordan at rachel.jordan@UND.edu or 701.777.5361.

Native Americans into Criminal Justice Association (NACJA)

The Native Americans into Criminal Justice Association serves to enhance and support the benefits of diversity in criminal justice at UND. The purpose of NACJA is to improve recruitment of Native American students in the criminal justice program, improve retention, and promote a better understanding of cultures between Native Americans, students, faculty, and staff. For more information about NACJA contact Dr. Wendelin Hume at wendelin.hume@UND.edu or by phone at 701.777.4001.

NACJA participates in the Annual Halloween Carnival for on-campus families and children, winning a prize for scariest costume!

Publications

Faculty


Graduate Students


Alumni


Over a foot of snow led to the campus closing for one day in early December, the week before finals.
Presentations

Faculty

Hume, W. M. (2016). *The Dakota access pipeline and criminal justice issues with Native Americans*. Presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Grand Forks, ND.


Graduate Students


Alumni


Przemieniecki, C. J., & Hesse, M. L. (2016, August). *The implications and prevalence of gangs on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: Is it recruitment, glamorization, or put-downs?* Presentation at the 19th annual International Gang Training Specialist conference hosted by the National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC), Chicago, IL.


Student Advising

Prospective undergraduate or graduate students are always welcome to visit the department to learn about its course offerings as well as faculty teaching and research interests. To schedule a meeting please contact Joyce Zak, Administrative Assistant, at joyce.zak@UND.edu.

For currently enrolled undergraduate students considering Criminal Justice Studies (CJS) as an area they would like to formally pursue please contact Kayla Hotvedt, Academic Advisor, at kayla.hotved@UND.edu. Students are encouraged to declare their major as soon as possible to obtain pre-CJ status. Students are formally admitted to the CJS major once students
complete 45 total credit hours with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.70, including completion of the following four courses (with a minimum GPA of 2.70 also):

- Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJ 201)
- Introduction to Policing (CJ 210)
- Introduction to Corrections (CJ 270)
- Juvenile Delinquency (Soc 253).

Once admitted, students will be assigned an advisor from the Department of Criminal Justice faculty. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.70 to remain in good academic standing. Finally, undergraduate students must also complete a concentration which can be satisfied by one of three options: 1) language proficiency of level IV in a modern foreign language, 2) completion of the four course sequence in American Sign Language; or 3) 20 credit hours (at least nine of which must be numbered 300 or above) in any single subject matter taught at UND.

Undergraduate students with a major in another field may also consider completing a minor in CJS, which requires 21 credit hours. Twelve of the 21 credit hours are completed by taking the required prerequisite courses listed previously. The other 9 credit hours must include three criminal justice electives. A full listing of courses is available on the departmental website.

**Professional Organizations**

Below is a non-exhaustive list of professional associations and organizations relevant to criminal justice in the United States. These associations often provide numerous resources relevant to a specific justice topic or area of expertise. Email additions to the newsletter editor at adam.matz@und.edu.

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
- American Correctional Association (ACA)
- American Polygraph Association (APA)
- American Probation and Parole Association (APPAA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
- Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology & Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)
- Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive (ATF)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
- Community Oriented Correctional Health Services (COCHS)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP)
- Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute (IJIS)
- International Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology (IACFP)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- International Community Corrections Association (ICCA)
- Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA)
- Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
- National Center for State Courts (NCSC)
- National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)
- National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)
- National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)
- National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ)
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
- National Drug Court Institute (NDCI)
- National Reentry Resource Center (NRRRC)
- National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women (NRCJIW)
- National Institute of Corrections (NIC)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
- Northeaster Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART)
- Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
- SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH)
- Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)
- Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Treatment Research Institute (TRI)
- Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ)

**Graduates**

**May 2016**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (PhD)**
- Jason Allen Twede

**Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)**
- Alicia Marie Brey (Minor in Chemical Dependency and 2nd Minor in Sociology)
- Nicolas Brown
- Hunter Christian Callahan (Minor in Military Science and 2nd Minor in Psychology)
- Kaitlyn Marie Carr (2nd Major in Forensic Science)
- Matthew James Collier
- Meghan Ann Dybdahl (2nd Major in Sociology)
- Racheal Marie Herman
- Kristi D. Hestdalen (2nd Major in Forensic Science)
Clayton Leroy Hinrichs (Minor in Psychology)
Alexander Tim Jones
Alison Marie Karpenko (Minor in Sociology and 2nd Minor in Chemical Dependency)
Megan A. Keegan (Minor in Health Education)
Adam Paul Krichbaum
Bobby Wayne Laney (Minor in Chemical Dependency)
Mitchell Robert Lichtenwald
Lauren Morgan McIntyre (Minor in Communication)
Kirsten Dlonra Medicraft (2nd Major in Forensic Science)
Ty Jacob Murphy
Talia Elexis Nelson
Andrew David Park (2nd Major in Spanish)
Samantha Reiling (2nd Major in Sociology)
Garret M. Roden (Minor in History)
Tyrel Joseph Sollin (Minor in Psychology)
Morgan T. Spielman (2nd Major in Communication)
Jessica A. Swenson (2nd Major in Forensic Science and Minor in Biology)
Marquelle Lynn Theis-Pflipsen (Minor in Political Science)
Emily Jo Thompson (Minor in Sociology and 2nd Minor in Chemical Dependency)
Kyle R. Torvik (2nd Major in Sociology and Minor in Psychology)
Ashley Nicole Wheeler (2nd Major in Forensic Science and Minors in Chemistry and Sociology)
Morgan Renee Wines (2nd Major in Forensic Science)
Thadeus M. Wood (Minor in Spanish)

Minor in Criminal Justice Studies
- Caroline Jane Braden (Major in Social Work)
- Javen Tyrone Butler (Major in General Studies)
- Brandon Reid Chrest (Major in Sociology)
- Molly Margaret Doherty (Major in Social Work)
- David Joel Essink (Major in General Studies)
- Isaiah J. Frohling (Major in Political Science)
- Kendra Lee Gullickson (Major in Kinesiology)
- Samantha Darlene Lashomb (Major in Social Work)
- Justin M. Leong (Major in Air Traffic Control)
- DeVynarae Elizabeth Meeder (Major in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology)
- Erik M. Strande (Major in Sociology)
- Shane P. Wagner (Major in General Studies)

August 2016

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- Christopher Michael Ahles (Minor in Sociology)
- James Battista Gasparo (Minor in Sociology)
- Bryan Hasbargen (Minor in Psychology)
- Daniel Frederick Hunnisett
- Kimberly Paige Pithey (Minor in Political Science)
- Daniel T. Scharf (Minor in Psychology)
- Scott C. Smith (Minor in Psychology)

Minor in Criminal Justice Studies
- Jose Gustavo Benavides (Major in Sociology)
- Jonathan B. Chounlamountry (Major in Unmanned Aircrafts Systems Operations)
- Ashley J. Friesen (Major in Rehabilitation and Human Services and 2nd Minor in Psychology)
- Heidiee Marie Hill (Major in Social Work)
- Breanna L. Wichmann (Major in Social Work)

December 2016

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (PhD)
- Fred Matthew Jones

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- Austin D. Albers
- Austin James Brockling
- Crystal Young Fanter (2nd Major in Spanish)
- Samantha Jo Feroni (2nd Major in Sociology)
- John Todd Grabanski
- Leland Higginbotham
- Nickolas G. Holter
- Lauren Halsted Marshall (2nd Major in Political Science)
- Alexander Moore
- Kaitlyn Mary Nieson (2nd Major in Psychology)
- Matthew John Parker
- Miles Donovan Rhonemus
- Dawn Michelle Rinehardt

May 2017

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- Daniel Stettler Albers
- Kaytlin Beth Avelsgard
- Emily Ann Bell
- Robert Frederick Caldecott
- Megan B. Carmichael
- Stephanie Sharon Clarke
- Jayson David Ewert
- Zoe Ryann Foster
- Erika Nichole Gallaway
- Kayla M. Gardner
- Brandon Hansen
- Sara Jeanne Kowalke (2nd Major in Sociology)
- Colin James Lindahl
- Brandon Lee Lindemoen
- Marissa Ann Lundgren
- Samuel Vincent Gervais Mattson
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