Crime, punishment and justice are perennially fascinating topics. Perhaps only love has provided more fruitful soil for artists or been a greater inspiration for storytelling. Of course, even casual observers of our public life can see that a better understanding of crime and justice is more important than ever. Thankfully, the University of North Dakota has some of the most committed and able students of these issues in the region and the country. Our students are law enforcement officers, community and institutional correctional employees, forensic scientists, lawyers, victims’ advocates, criminal justice policy analysts, professors and more. Over the past year roughly 50 more UND students were awarded the Bachelor’s of Science in Criminal Justice Studies and are ready to begin making invaluable contributions to our criminal justice system. Several more received their Ph.D.s in Criminal Justice and are already helping to educate a new generation of students. You can find the names of all our recent graduates later in this newsletter.

The criminal justice faculty at UND couldn’t be more happy or proud to work with all of our students. But, as you’ll see in this newsletter, the faculty have a number of accomplishments to be proud of themselves. Near the top of the list are several seed grants that were awarded to Drs. Wendelin Hume and Adam Matz to, respectively, examine critical criminal justice system needs in North Dakota and to validate the risk assessment instrument used in a local community correctional setting. The initial stages of research that these awards make possible should
provide the foundations for more extensive research agendas into these vitally important areas. Dr. Matz was also awarded the *Michael C. Braswell/Routledge Outstanding Dissertation Award* in 2018 for the research he conducted to cap his Ph.D. education. And, since we are talking about awards, it should be noted that one of our Ph.D. students, Tara Lulla, was selected to participate in the *Academy of Criminal Justice Science’s Doctoral Student Summit* in New Orleans.

Finally, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the educational legacy that has been created and continues through the selfless acts of donors. Dr. John and Carlyn Dalness continue to fund a scholarship originally established in the name of a UND alum, the Earl and Irene Dalness Memorial Scholarship. The Dalness Scholarship has helped support University of North Dakota criminal justice students for decades and thanks to the kind gifts of John and Carlyn that profoundly valuable tradition will reach well into the future. A new and unique legacy has just been created by another University of North Dakota alumnus (John was a Fish and Wildlife major, 1971); the Barbara J. and John W. Weisser Criminal Justice Scholarship will help support its first criminal justice student in the coming academic year. Along with donors like Beverly Larson and Reyne Richter, many criminal justice students will enjoy financial support for years to come. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of UND’s Criminal Justice Department, we thank you all!

**Martin Gottschalk, Ph.D.**  
Chair, Department of Criminal Justice

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**Alumni Spotlight**

**Jason Twede**

Prior to doing his graduate studies at UND, Dr. Twede worked as a prosecutor in Navajo County, Arizona. His dissertation focuses on the history of prosecution in the United States and its transformation into an institution run solely by the state, and some of his current research projects further examine the causes and consequences of this phenomenon. Since graduating in 2016 Dr. Twede taught at The University of Akron before taking a position at Utah State University.

**F. Matt Jones**

Dr. Jones is an Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma School of Criminal Justice. Matt also received his doctorate from UND in 2016. He spent nearly a decade working in a variety of secure treatment settings for juveniles, and as a state social worker. Prior to his graduate studies he had worked as a clinical therapist with sexually abusive youth in an intensive residential setting. His dissertation research is a test of Durkheim’s theory of anomie through the exploration of rates of violent crime, suicide, and oil worker deaths in the Bakken region of western North Dakota.
**Faculty Spotlight**

*Rachel Jordan*

Ms. Rachel Jordan joined the faculty as an instructor for the department in the fall of 2016. In addition to her seven years of work as a police officer with the Fargo Police Department, she has nearly a decade of teaching experience that includes prior work experience with Minnesota State University and North Dakota State University. Her teaching interests have included introductory courses in criminal justice, policing, and corrections; as well as criminal investigation, and cybersecurity.

Her research interests have included focal areas concerning police officer stress and workload in relation to the oil boom in western North Dakota, including a coauthored publication in the prestigious journal *Police Quarterly*.

**Doctoral Student Spotlight**

*Tami Lieberg*

Ms. Tami Lieberg is a doctoral student possessing over two decades of work experience with the Tri-County Community Corrections agency, serving three Minnesota Counties (Norman, Polk, and Red Lake), where she has supervised both adult and juvenile probationers and parolees. For nearly 15 years she has been in a leadership position as a chief probation officer. She has participated in drug task forces and also served as a trainer on evidence-based practices (EBP) and programs including risk assessment, gender-based programming, and motivational interviewing. Further, her master’s thesis focused on risk assessment in probation, specifically the application of the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) instrument in three rural counties of Minnesota. She has also supervised a jail chemical dependency program, diversion program, school probation officers, intensive supervision, court and pre-trial programs, mental health programs, sex offender programs, as well as worked on both federal and state grant writing and evaluation projects. Finally, she has also worked with the crisis intervention team for northern Minnesota law enforcement.

Her current research focuses on critical incident management, secondary and vicarious trauma, posttraumatic stress disorders (PTSD), and addiction.

**Criminal Justice Conferences**

*June 6-9, 2018 – Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS) in Bristol, RI.*

*July 3-6, 2018 – Annual Meeting of the British Society of Criminology (BSC) in Birmingham City.*


*August 6-8, 2018 – The 20th International Gang Specialist Training Conference hosted by The National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) in Chicago, IL.*

*August 3-8, 2018 – American Correctional Association’s (ACA) Annual Congress of Correction in Minneapolis, MN.*

*July 29-August 1, 2018 – 43rd Annual Training Institute of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) in Philadelphia, PA.*

*August 2-7, 2018 – 148th Congress of Correction hosted by the American Correctional Association (ACA) in Minneapolis.*

*August 19-22, 2018 – 46th Annual conference and training institute of the National Association of Pretrial Services (NAPSA) in Fort Worth, TX.*

*September 27-28, 2018 – Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) in Chicago, IL.*

*October 6-9, 2018 – Annual Meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Orlando, FL.*

*November 8-11, 2018 – Annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) in Atlanta, GA.*

*November 14-17, 2018 – Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) in Atlanta, GA.*

*January 11-16, 2019 – American Correctional Association’s (ACA) Winter Conference in New Orleans, LA.*

*March 10-13, 2019 – Winter Training Institute of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) in Miami, FL.*

*March 26-30, 2019 – Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) 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.
Publications

Faculty


Graduate Students


Qi, Z. (2018). Examining rural to urban migration, crime and the characteristics of rural migrant offenders—An exploratory study on the relationship between rural migration and criminal offenses by utilizing the online judicial dataset in Guangdong province (Doctoral dissertation). University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Alumni


Presentations

Faculty


Hume, W. M. (2017, November). Missing and murdered indigenous women in Ojibwe County. Presentation at the American Indian Student Services at University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks, ND.


Hume, W. M. (2017, February). Taiwan. Presentation at the World Thinking Day event hosted by the University of North Dakota (UND) and Girl Scouts, Grand Forks, ND.

Hume, W. M. (2017, October). Transitions in cultures and the impact on Native American female offending. Presentation at the Red River Women’s Studies conference at North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, ND.


Pictured from left-to-right, Dr. Martin Gottschalk (Chair, Department of Criminal Justice), Kathryn Rand (Dean, School of Law), and Eric Schlosser.


**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.hotvedt@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 Courts (CJ 220)
- Introduction to Corrections (CJ 270)

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.matetz@UND.edu.

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
- American Correctional Association (ACA)
- American Polygraph Association (APA)
- American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)
- 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)
- British Society of Criminology (BSC)
- 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)
- Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MACPO)
- 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)
Graduates

Summer 2017

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- April Lyn Bleecker
- Tyler Kyle Olson (Minor in Sociology)
- Jacob B. Thomas

Minor in Criminal Justice Studies
- Rachel Ellen Kanten (Major in Social Work, Minor in Sociology)

Fall 2017

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- Sherri Lynn Brossart (Minor in Sociology)
- Zachary Forschen
- Allison Jean Handberg (Minor in Sociology and Psychology)
- Tyler James Kartes (Minor in Sociology)
- Jordan M. Korte
- Abby Marie Langer (Minor in Psychology)
- Christopher M. Lautt (Minor in Psychology)
- Jordan Lee Meyer (Minor in Women & Gender Studies and Psychology)
- Anna Marion Oeltjenbruns (Double Major in Psychology)
- Taylor E. Parisien (Minor in Sociology)
- Brittany Jean Roberts (Minor in Psychology)
- Kyle Harlow Saner (Minor in Sociology)
- Ashley M. Schoenborn (Double Major in Sociology)
- Jenna R. Shern (Minor in Sociology and Psychology)

Spring 2018

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (PhD)
- Nicholas Lassi
  Dissertation: A Confucian Theory of Crime
- Ziwei Qi
  Dissertation: Examining Rural to Urban Migration, Crime and the Characteristics of Rural Migrant Offenders—An Exploratory Study on the Relationship between Rural Migration and Criminal Offenses by Utilizing the Online Judicial Dataset in Guangdong Province

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies (BSCJS)
- Kaylin Jo Anderson
- Tyler Abel Bluml
- Ryan R. Chrest
- Ty A. Domben
- Katherine Lynn Elliott
- Selena Mireya Garza
- Donley John Gryskiewicz
- Renee Michele Hanson
- Kaylee Yvonne Hoaby
- Brette L. Hoy
- Maxwell J. Kollman
- Lilly Marlena Langton
- Parker J. Luney
- Jacob M. Meglen
- Lauren E. Nielsen
- Alyssa Ann Nystrom
- Nicole R. Pierce
- Sara A. Poe
- Cassandra Ann Poitra
- Samantha Elizabeth Pothen
- Shawn Patrick Reis
- Caralyne Eleanor Ronai
- Tiara Lynn Sackman
- Tyler Adam Steffen
- Lachlan James Vaira
- Morgan Elizabeth Wentz
- Brandon James Williams
- Haeli Kathryn Wolf
- Ryan L. Woltjer
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Feast of Nations with the Alice T. Clark mentor program on February 10, 2018. From left to right is Jennifer Stoner (Marketing), Sharon Sheridan (Management), Adam Matz (Criminal Justice), Jeremiah Bartz (Mathematics), Anne Kelsh (TTaDA), Camilla Morrison (Theatre Arts), Anjali Sandip (Mechanical Engineering), and Zarrina Azizova (Educational Leadership). To learn more about this event visit http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2018/02/feat-of-feast/ as well as http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2018/02/culture-smash/