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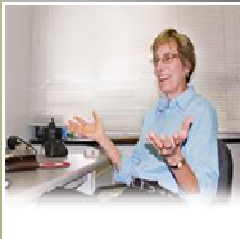
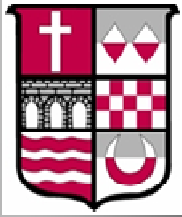
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THE CJ TIMES

Newsletter of the Department
Of Criminal Justice



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The Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice is entering its fourth year of operation. The program is growing and attracting a very diverse group of students from recent grads to individuals returning to school after a career in the field of criminal justice. We welcome all of you. We have an exceptional faculty available for advisement and career guidance. Each of our highly qualified faculty members has experience in the field of criminal justice. We encourage you to come see us and discuss your future in the MACJ program and the field of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Pearl Jacobs
Chair, Department of Criminal Justice.
Director of the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

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CONGRATULATIONS

Professor Patrick Morris completed his Criminal Justice doctorate at The Graduate Center of City University of New York, John Jay College. Dr. Morris's dissertation and current research interests lie in the area of Law Enforcement with concentrations in Domestic Violence, Dual Arrest,



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and Primary aggressor laws. Dr. Morris has been a member of the criminal justice faculty since the fall of 2005 after completing a 26-year career with the Norwalk, CT Police Department. He currently teaches courses in the undergraduate and graduate programs.



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Announcements

Welcome new Professor Tanya M. Grant - Prior to her academic career, Professor Grant worked in the field of Domestic Violence for 15 years. She advocated for victims, educated communities about Domestic Violence, worked on legislation to protect Domestic Violence victims and their children. She has also worked in the field of Juvenile Justice. Professor Grant teaches courses in the undergraduate Criminal Justice Program.



Congratulations to Masters Graduates:

2008: Thomas Harper & Randie Quaglia.

2009: Jeffrey Barrett, Katarynza Kozlowska, Floyd McIntyre, Emily Shaham, Stephanie Traver, Maria Valdivieso, James Viadero, and Stacey Weise.

What Are Some of them Doing Now?

Randie Quaglia: "I am a clinician at CT Renaissance's YES! Program (Youth Equipped for Success) formally known as the JRRC (Juvenile Risk Reduction Center) in downtown Bridgeport. I work with youth ages 12 to 18 who are on probation (court ordered only). They are referred to our program from probation. We work side by side with probation and CSSD (Court Support Services Division of CT/Judicial Branch). I have my own

caseload with help from case managers in our program. I facilitate evidence based treatment groups and individual sessions with clients (We run a marijuana group called MET/CBT, a aggression therapy group called ART, a trauma group called TARGET, a VOICES group for females and SOS (Save our Streets) program. All of the groups are gender specific. I do clinical work basically and evidence based therapy, etc. "

Criminal Justice



Criminal Justice Activities

Criminal Justice Club

The Criminal Justice Club consists of all students interested in the field of Criminal Justice, both majors and non-majors. Club members create a program for the semester. They invite experts in the field to speak to the members and they visit Criminal Justice sites. Students may also participate in professional Criminal Justice Conferences.

CLUB OFFICERS

President-Stephanie Elmessaoudi
 Vice President-Jennifer Locantro
 Secretary-Michelle Ausili
 Treasurer-Dan Bruno
 CCO Rep-Chris Paolucci
 Advisor-Prof. James McCabe



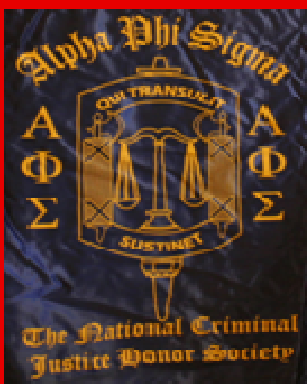
CJ Honor Society

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society for Criminal Justice majors. The Sacred Heart University Chapter of this National Honor Society is called Gamma Omega Delta. Membership qualifications and information about the National Honor Society are available at www.Alphaphisigma.org or by consulting Dr. Patrick Morris.

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS: To become a member, the student must have completed 40 credits toward degree requirements at Sacred Heart University. The student must have and maintain a minimum 3.2 overall GPA on a

4.0 scale and a minimum 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale in criminal justice courses. The student must have completed a minimum of 4 courses within the criminal justice curriculum at the time of application.

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS: To become a member, the student must have and maintain a minimum 3.4 GPA on a 4.0 scale in both criminal justice courses and overall courses. The student must have completed a minimum of 4 courses within the criminal justice curriculum at the time of application. **TRANSFER STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:** To become a member, the student must meet the above requirements and have taken at least two criminal justice courses at Sacred Heart University.



Criminal Justice Graduate Assistants 2009

Aida Kalapo – current research interests include:

Students and faculty’s perspective on their safety from school violence

1. The goal of the research is to determine if students and faculty feel protected while on school grounds.
2. The data for this study will be obtained from surveying 361 students and 150 faculties at the three-inner-city

public high schools in Bridgeport, (Bassick, Central, and Harding). Data will also be collected from at least three extensive interviews done at each school.

Nick Lambusta – current research interests include:
The Influences of College Drug Use

1. Interest in determining

the underlying reason for drug use among college students.

2. Who has the greater influence: family or peers?
3. Data will be obtained from surveys of students in the Fairfield/Bridgeport area.



Aida Kalapo

Diaghilev Lubin – current research interests include:

Relationship between High School Graduates and Dropouts

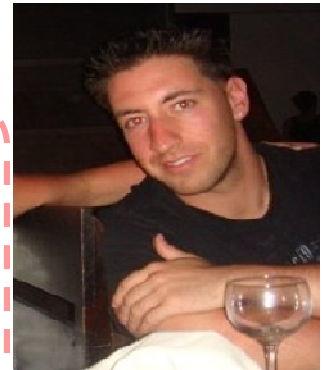
1. Comparing the relationship between drug and assault related offenses and educational level.
2. The research will compare the severity and number of crimes committed by high school dropouts and graduates in the Norwalk area.
3. The information for this study will be obtained from the Norwalk superior court.

Stephanie Messina – current research interests include:
An Evaluation of A Residential Female Addiction Alternative Incarceration Program

1. This exploratory study examines whether a gender-specific substance abuse alternative incarceration program has the ability to rehabilitate female offenders from returning to the criminal justice system.
2. Secondary data analysis will be collected from the interviews, intake data, and post-release fol-

low-ups performed by staff on the successful female discharges that were sentenced to a program located in New Haven, Connecticut.

3. Variables such as age, race, education, trauma, family, addiction, and criminal history will be gathered in order to assess reasons for positive or negative success rates.



Nick Lambusta

Michael Paradis – current research interests in:
Pawn brokers and their possible influence on criminal activities.

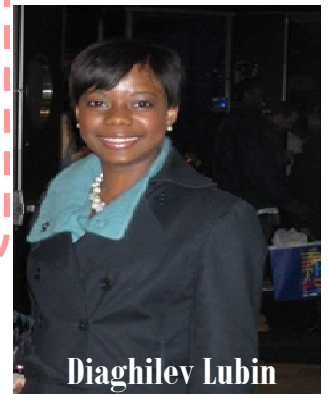
1. Current research interests lie in the field of pawn brokers and shops and their possible influence on criminal activities.
2. Recent work completed in Norwalk suggests that a large majority of the frequent

pawn shop users also have rather robust criminal records.

3. Will attempt to replicate my work from Norwalk in Bridgeport, as well as determine if a relationship exists between crime location and pawn shop location.



Michael Paradis



Diaghilev Lubin



Stephanie Messina

Special Congratulations



Dr. Joshua Klein

Dr. Josh Klein presented a paper entitled “The Ideology of International Crime” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in Boston, MA, in March. He presented a paper entitled “Using Fromm’s Political Psychology: Preliminaries for a Theory of Militarist Ideology” at the Psychoanalysis and Society Symposium, and attended the

American Sociological Association and Critical Sociology meetings in San Francisco, CA in August. He was recently elected to the Council of the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association (2008-2011), and continues as the section’s newsletter editor.

James Viadero

On October 4th, Sacred Heart University hosted their annual Alumni Brunch to honor those who have made outstanding achievements. A graduate of the MACJ program was one of the alumni honored that day. His name is James Viadero, Captain, Bridgeport Police Department. He received the outstanding Alumni Award for his efforts to assist students. He has helped students secure internships with the Bridgeport Police Department and he is always

willing to advise students seeking careers in the field of criminal justice. James Viadero received his undergraduate degree in 1998 while working full time as a police officer. He returned in 2006 to enter the MACJ Program. He received his Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in May 2009. We wish Captain Viadero the best of luck in the future and commend him for all he has done to assist the department of criminal justice.



Glenn Byrnes

Graduate students in SHU’s criminal justice classes agree that having professionals in class discussions offers real life examples of work within the field of criminal justice. MACJ students include local police officers, probation officers, and Trumbull Police Department’s Deputy Chief of Operations, Glenn Byrnes.

Byrnes completed his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at SHU in 1993. He returned to SHU to pursue the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice while continuing to work full-time at the Trumbull Police Department where he has served since 1985. His past assignments included Patrol, Detective Bureau, Professional Standards and Administrative Services, all of which he found “very rewarding.”



Byrnes said, “I believe in maintaining high professional standards for policing, and pursuing every educational opportunity is essential.”

His commitment to education and to SHU is seen in his willingness to help students obtain internships with his department. He has also permitted criminal justice students to conduct on site evaluations of the Trumbull Police Department for CJ classes. “I have had a great experience with the students and staff at Sacred Heart, and I enjoy offering advice and guidance for anyone interested in a career in the criminal justice field.” Byrnes said.

He expects to complete his Graduate studies in Spring 2010.

H1N1-A Natural Hazard

From the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to campus security, everyone is now involved in the emergency response measures for the H1N1 pandemic. Online discussions held in CJ513 Issues in National Security have been helpful and enlightening. Explaining, the role the Criminal Justice System plays in emergency response readiness. Here are some tips in dealing with this latest health threat.

It is important to remember that PEOPLE transmit this disease and not all people are aware that they may be carriers of the infection. The symptoms take time to appear. Make sure to properly wash your hands. Rinse and scrub for 30 seconds with soap and hot water. Sanitizer needs to have at least 60% alcohol to be effective. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. Grab some tissues. Don't share drinks or food. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.

In the Issues in National Security course, discussions are held on the numerous agencies under the Homeland Security Department. One of which is the CDC, who's primary function is to conduct effective prevention, control, research, and communication activities for achieving a better world, with safer, and healthier people. The CDC is responsible for improving, developing, and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and health education activities. This is accomplished through communication at state, local, federal and international levels.

What makes the CDC different from local agencies is the fact that because it was founded by Congress and operates as a non-profit, it provides for the flexibility a federal organization would not have. This flexibility allows for incidents to be handled in conjunction with numerous partners, private agencies, and CDC scientists. The "readiness" initiative helps to modernize management and accountability in establishing savings for all. These savings efforts are geared towards more science and health programs.

One important aspect of "readiness" is to know the resources available to you. Visit any of the following websites for better instructions and tips on the H1N1 disease such as:

1. CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/>
2. FEMA website at http://www.fema.gov/about/org/ncp/coop/pan_inf.shtm.



3. SHU website for H1N1 Emergency Plan at the following link: http://www.sacredheart.edu/pages/28490_h1n1_flu_important_info.cfm

4. Register your cell phone for the campus emergency notifications via text messages. Go to: http://www.sacredheart.edu/pages/25822_emergency_notification_sign_up_now.cfm?searchterm=emergency_text.

An email sent by the Sacred Heart University Wellness Center Health Services explains that if you are experiencing flu like symptoms don't wait. Call the Health Services at 203-371-7838 if you are feeling ill. The symptoms are severe sore throat, headache, body aches, fatigue, and significant cough. If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities. <<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm>>

SHU is asking students to either go home where they can be cared for by their families or to isolate themselves in their rooms. Some students with the flu have mild symptoms and others are more severe. If you think you have symptoms please call the health center* for further instructions.

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