

Greetings from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, housed within the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Memphis! In our Fall 2018 newsletter, we would like to let you know of a number of recent events within the Department.

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**CONGRATUATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
FOR ACHIEVING SUPERIOR RATINGS ON ALL MEASURES FOR THEIR FIVE-YEAR  
PROGRAM REVIEW! THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RANKED #1 IN TENNESSEE!!**

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to present this latest issue of our newsletter. First, congratulations are in order as the Department has successfully completed its program review that resulted in superior ratings on all measures!! We are also ranked #1 in Tennessee!! Kudos to the faculty for all of their hard work and dedication in making this a prominent department..

In this issue of our newsletter, we focus, as usual, on our outstanding faculty and students. First, we have a new addition to the Department since our last newsletter, Ms. Donna Haskins. Donna has joined the Department as an Administrative Assistant. Please read more about Ms. Haskins later in the newsletter.

This semester, we began the first Inside-Out Prison Exchange course at the University of Memphis taught by Dr. Haley Zettler. Inside-Out is a class that brings together an equal number of incarcerated students with an equal number of University students for an entire semester. These students experience an opportunity to study, side-by-side, various issues in criminal justice. Please visit the Inside-Out page on our website for more information.

It will soon be time for fall graduation. We expect five students will receive their Master's Degree. In addition, we anticipate approximately 40 students to earn their Bachelor's degree. Congratulations to all of our graduating students.

We continue to receive national accolades for our academic programs. Most recently, we were recognized by GuideToOnlineSchools.com for our Online Bachelor's in Criminology. Other notable rankings include: U.S. News and World Report for our Online Master's in Criminal Justice; AffordableColleges.com Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice; BestColleges.com Online Master's in Criminal Justice; GreatValueColleges.net Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice; Best Colleges Reviews Best Bachelor's in Criminal Justice; BestColleges.com Online Bachelor's in Criminal Justice; GoGrad.org Online Master's in Criminal Justice; CollegeChoice.net Best Master's in Criminal Justice; and AffordableCollegesOnline.org Best Online Master's in Criminal Justice. I feel very fortunate to be affiliated with a group of dedicated Criminal Justice faculty members who place their students first in the delivery of our curriculum. Again, thanks to the faculty for their diligent work.

I hope you will enjoy reading the Fall 2018 newsletter to learn more about our impressive students and dynamic faculty. Until next time, Happy Holidays and Go Tigers!



*KB Turner*

Dr. KB Turner-Department Chair

## Department News and Accolades

- Our faculty have published a number of articles over the past semester. **Dr. Shelley Keith** recently published an article in *Sociological Inquiry*. **Drs. Amaia Iratzoqui and Stephen Watts** co-authored a paper published in *Journal of Criminal Justice*. **Drs. Bert Burraston, Stephen Watts, James McCutcheon** and former graduate student **Karli Province** published their research in *Homicide Studies*. **Dr. Shelley Keith** recently published a paper in *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*. **Dr. Bert Burraston** had a book chapter published recently. **Dr. Haley Zettler** published articles in *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* and *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.
- Several of our faculty are working on grant projects with local agencies. **Dr. Sheri Keenan** is working on a grant with the Jackson Police Department on safeguarding children of arrested parents: A trauma informed approach. **Drs. James McCutcheon, Bert Burraston, and Angela Madden** received the Technological Innovation for Public Safety grant, where they will be analyzing the application of License Plate Reader and Social Networking Technology by the Metropolitan Gang Unit. **Dr. James McCutcheon** was awarded the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, where he will be evaluating the process of testing for backlogged sexual assault kits. **Drs. Amaia Iratzoqui and Angela Madden** are working on an evaluation of the Family Safety Center and domestic violence services in Memphis/Shelby County. **Dr. Haley Zettler** is working on a multidisciplinary project through the Memphis Research Consortium, examining the use of neurofeedback therapy for the treatment of adolescents exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- **Dr. KB Turner** was the keynote speaker for the recognition ceremony for graduating student veterans. He was also presented a Certificate of Appreciation as a Friend of Student Affairs. Additionally, **Dr. Turner** delivered the keynote address for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



## All About Advising



**Ms. Laurel Miles** is the Undergraduate Coordinator/Instructor for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Students can schedule an advising appointment by searching for "Find My Advisor" on the U of M website main page, scrolling down to Criminology and Criminal Justice, then clicking the "book an appointment." link. This is the **ONLY WAY** to schedule an advising appointment. The front desk personnel in the department cannot schedule an appointment for students. Students with any questions can send an email to [lmiles@memphis.edu](mailto:lmiles@memphis.edu).

## Undergraduate and Graduate Online Programs

The Department continues to develop our online programs. Our undergraduate program was recently ranked among the top 25 programs in the nation for the second year in a row. We are moving rapidly to develop and offer more courses online, with a goal that a student may complete his or her Bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice entirely online. The online courses in Fall, 2018 enable off-campus students to take courses that apply directly toward their major in a flexible format. The Department's Spring 2018 online course offerings include CJUS 1100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), CJUS 2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS 3130 (Research Methods), CJUS 3426 (Corrections in America), CJUS 3540 (Criminology), CJUS 4110 (Advanced Applications), CJUS 4190 (Terrorism), CJUS 4460 (Race/Ethnicity/Gender).

The Master's program in Criminology offers many of its courses via online instruction. Students will be allowed no more than six hours of credit toward the degree in non-classroom courses. The graduate courses provided online in Fall 2018 include CJUS 7161 (Intervention Strategies), CJUS 7640 (Race/Ethnicity/Gender), CJUS 7541 (Criminological Theory). If you are interested in pursuing the Master's degree in Criminal Justice, please email our Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Shelley Keith, at [srkeith@memphis.edu](mailto:srkeith@memphis.edu) for more information.

## Lambuth Campus

The Department is delighted with the growing presence of our Undergraduate Program at The University of Memphis Lambuth campus. For Spring 2018, the Lambuth curriculum includes CJUS2226 (Introduction to Police), CJUS3540 (Criminology), CJUS4110 (Advanced Applications), CJUS4126 (CJUS Administration), CJUS4130 (Ethical Dilemmas), CJUS4233 (Organized Crime), CJUS4535 (Capital Punishment).

For additional information on the Lambuth program, please contact Dr. Sheri Keenan (Sheri.Jenkins.Keenan@memphis.edu) or Mr. George Megelsh (gmmgelsh@memphis.edu).

## Welcome, Donna!

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice would like to welcome **Ms. Donna Haskins** who joins the Department as Administrative Assistant. Donna worked at the University of Memphis in 2006 in various departments. We are happy to have her join us!

## Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA)

The Department's Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) is open to any interested undergraduate and graduate studying Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Memphis. CJSA will be organizing a number of events throughout the Fall, 2018 semester.

Joining CJSA is \$10 (cash or credit), which can be paid at the CJUS Main Office in MC 311 or by contacting Dr. Haley Zettler (hzettler@memphis.edu) or Dr. James McCutcheon (jmcctch@memphis.edu).

**Department website:**

<http://www.memphis.edu/cjustice/cjsa.php>



**Pictured: CJSA Members at the 2018 Tailgate for the University of Memphis vs. Georgia State game.**



## Scenes from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice 2018 Career Fair



**The Spring 2018 Criminal Justice Career Fair was a success with over 120 students in attendance. Thanks to all of our participating agencies, CJSA Officers and Members for making this a great event!**



**CJUS Students speaking with members of the Collierville Police Department about future careers in law enforcement.**



**Graduate Assistants Alexis Gaskin, Atsuhito Saito, and Melisha Arnett promoting the CJUS Graduate Program.**

## Scenes from the Center for Community Criminology and Research (CCCR) at Lambuth



**Rural West TN ACEs Knowledge Mobilization Team Meeting**



**Lambuth students spending time with therapy dogs during Finals Week. What cute study buddies!**



**Sudden Violence—Surviving an Active Shooter with FBI Agent Tom Hassell.**

The Center for Community Criminology and Research (CCCR) is housed on the Lambuth Campus. The mission of the CCCR is threefold. The CCCR serves as a clearing house for the dissemination of information to those interested in achieving a reduction in crime and delinquency. Secondly, the CCCR provides sound statistical information in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local, county, and state social justice/criminal justice systems. Finally, the CCCR facilitates social justice/criminal justice agencies at the local, county, state, and region low cost professional development opportunities.

For more information regarding the CCCR, please contact Dr. Sheri Jenkins Keenan, Coordinator, [Sheri.Jenkins.Keenan@memphis.edu](mailto:Sheri.Jenkins.Keenan@memphis.edu)



Our Impressive 2018-2019 Graduate Assistants



Melisha Arnett



Alexis Brandon



Shelby Cavagnaro



Kiarra Fortney



Alexis Gaskin



Sarrah Khouk



Noah Melaro



Shawna Roten



Atsuhito Saito



Lauren Wingard

## Faculty Highlights



**Dr. Shelley Keith, Associate Professor,** (background, second from left), dined with Ukrainian Police Officers to disseminate cross-cultural differences in policing.



**Dr. Haley Zettler, Assistant Professor,** (ninth from the left), attended the 55th Inside-Out Prison Exchange Facilitator Training in Romeoville, Illinois with other faculty from various disciplines from across the nation. Dr. Zettler is teaching the first Inside-Out class at the University of Memphis during Fall, 2018.

For more about Inside-Out at UM please visit: <http://www.memphis.edu/cjustice/inside-out.php>.



### The Clifford T. Freeman Mock Police Oral Board Interview

This year our Mock Police Oral Board was named in honor of **Clifford T. Freeman**, a retired Police Captain and Adjunct Instructor, who provided dedicated service to his community for over 30 years.

During this year's Mock Police Oral Board Interview, students stepped up to the "hot seat" to practice their interview skills. Instructors **Dr. Lenard Wells**, **Ms. Laurel Miles**, and a variety of criminal justice professionals, including Deputy Chief Rodney Bright of the Germantown Police Department, Deputy Alex Coker of Desoto County Sheriff's Office, and Martha Rodgers of Shelby County Juvenile Court asked students some of the most widely-used interview questions to help prepare them for the real world. Students were encouraged to dress for success and arrive with their completed resumes. Verbal and written feedback were provided to all participating students as well as recordings of their interviews allowing for self-assessment. The participants successfully completed their interviews and gained more confidence.



**Dr. KB Turner introducing Captain Clifford T. Freeman while his wife, Laurel, Dean Tom Nenon and U of M police Chief Mary Balee looked during the Mock Police Oral Interview Dedication.**



**The 2018 Clifford T. Freeman Mock Police Interview Board panel included Martha Rodgers, Administrator with Memphis Shelby Juvenile Court; former CJSA President and Bachelor's graduate Crystal West; Instructor/Coordinator Laurel Miles; Deputy Alex Coker, Desoto County Sheriff's Department; and Deputy Chief Rodney Bright, Germantown Police Department.**





### **Fall 2018 Academic Calendar**

First Day of Classes	<b>August 27, 2018 / Mon</b>
Fall Break	<b>October 13-16 / Sat-Tues</b>
Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>November 21-25 / Weds-Sunday</b>
Last Day of Classes	<b>December 5, 2018 / Wed</b>
Study Day	<b>December 6, 2018 / Thurs</b>
Final Exams	<b>December 7-13, 2018 / Fri-Thur</b>