



The University of Texas at Dallas Criminology

A Word from...

Each fall semester is a productive one for students and faculty alike as classes move into their final few weeks and we ready ourselves for the holidays. It is also a busy time with media requests, fall conferences, research, and grant activities within the Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Many of our faculty and advanced graduate students have or will be presenting at regional, national, and international conferences over the coming months. Four doctoral students presented their research at the American Society of Criminology meeting in Philadelphia in mid-November. Over the past last year, we were proud to see Criminology graduate students win awards for their scholarship, including Graduate Student Paper competitions at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and the Outstanding Paper Award for a top journal, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*. In October 2016, Criminology doctoral student Richard Hernandez won the Graduate Student Paper Competition for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. Our faculty also continue to serve in important and highly visible leadership roles at the regional and national levels within our discipline. Recently, Dr. John Worrall was appointed as the Executive Director of ACJS. In addition, Dr. Nicole Leeper Piquero is serving as the current president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences as we head toward the annual meeting in February 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Also notable is that Dr. Nadine Connell became the vice-president for SWACJ this past month and will serve as co-Program Chair for ACJS for the upcoming annual meeting.

The Program continues its tradition of bringing internationally-recognized researchers and practitioners to our campus. Later November, we were thrilled to host Dr. Adrian Raine (the Richard Perry University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania) in a joint visit with UT Southwestern Medical Center Department of Psychiatry. This event was co-sponsored by the School of Economic, Political and Policy Science, the Center for Justice Studies and the Institute for Urban Policy Research within our program. Dr. Raine met with faculty and graduate students and offered a research presentation on November 28, 2017 from 10:30am-12pm in the TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102). This event was free for all UT Dallas faculty, students, and staff. As one of the world's leading experts on neurocriminology—including work on the brain, biology, and violence over the lifecourse-- Dr. Raine's presentation is titled: *"The Anatomy of Violence: Dissecting the Biological Roots of Crime."*

This December, we look forward to celebrating the academic achievements of our students as some of you complete your degree requirements and move on to the next exciting chapter, with many of you leaving us. This past May, we recognized our latest doctoral cohort graduates-- Dr. Richard Riner accepted a position as an assistant professor at Buena Vista University in Iowa, Dr. Stephanie Cardwell accepted a post-doctoral associate position at University of Queensland, Queensland, Australia, Dr. Michele Meitl joined Texas Christian University as faculty, and Dr. Turgut Ozkan is an assistant professor at Arkansas State University. Our faculty enjoyed visiting with alumni and current students at our reception at the American Society of Criminology meetings in Philadelphia on November 15, 2017 from 6-7:30pm at the Field House. As always, it is great to hear from past and current students on their achievements! Most of all, I am wishing all our students, staff and faculty and your families a wonderful holiday season and new year with health, happiness and continued success.

Warm regards,

Dr. Denise Paquette Boots

Program Head & Associate Professor

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Special points of interest:

- CGSA
- Alpha Phi Sigma
- Check out our impressive list of graduates and student and faculty accomplishments!

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Faculty Spotlight (Dr. Nadine M. Connell)



It should come as no surprise that Dr. Nadine M. Connell became interested in criminology and criminal justice at such a young age. The daughter and granddaughter of correctional officers and the niece of law enforcement officers at the state and local level, her first Barbie™ was a lawyer and her favorite books were about Nancy Drew. Her enthusiasm for the subject never waned and she enrolled in the Criminal Justice program at Northeastern University in Boston, MA with law school directly in her sights. But a fortuitous co-op experience at a local law firm early on made it clear that the legal side of the criminal justice system wasn't as exciting as *Law and Order* made it out to be and while she looked around for an alternative career choice, her statistics class beckoned. Little did she know that it would be just the thing to propel her into a new direction: criminal justice research.

After graduating from Northeastern with her BS in Criminal Justice and her BS in Sociology, she stayed in Boston to complete her MS in Criminal Justice. It was there that she was encouraged to consider her doctorate and on the advice of Dr. Alex Piquero (some foreshadowing here!), she headed down to College Park, MD to complete her PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2006, working on research projects to evaluate delinquency intervention programs in schools and in the community. Soon after, she accepted her first faculty position at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. While in New Jersey, Dr. Connell worked with the Center for Addiction Studies and Awareness at Rowan to evaluate a five-year, state-wide bullying and substance use intervention program in 65 schools. While teaching her the difference between the NJ Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway, it also piqued her interest in school-based victimization and started her down the road that she still travels today.

When the opportunity to move to the University of Texas at Dallas surfaced, Dr. Connell jumped at the chance to be a part of a new and growing PhD program with talented colleagues and warmer winters (no one had warned her about July and August in Texas yet!). As luck would have it, she was reunited with her former mentors, Dr. Nicky Piquero and Dr. Alex Piquero. At UT-Dallas, she has been able to continue her research on the etiology of school-based violence, receiving grants from the state of Texas to evaluate substance abuse prevention programs in at-risk student populations and from the National Institute of Justice to examine the situational and developmental antecedents to school shootings. Her research has been published in several inter-disciplinary journals, including *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, *Journal of Public Health*, and *Deviant Behavior*.

In early 2017, Dr. Connell was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Soon after, she took over as Director of the Center for Crime & Justice Studies, a research center that promotes the translation of evidence-based research into criminal justice practices. She also currently serves as the Associate Program Head for Criminology. In her spare time, Dr. Connell is an avid traveler, collecting passport stamps far and wide in places such as Australia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Spain and Sweden, to name a few. She especially enjoys traveling during hot Dallas summers! And when international flights aren't an option, she is running marathons around the country, with a goal of 50 marathons in 50 states before she turns 50 (she just won't tell you what year that will be!). After that, who knows? Antarctica anyone?

Graduate Student Spotlight (MinSik Jung)



Minsik Jung

Minsik Jung is from Republic of Korea (South Korea) and will be earning his Master of Science in Criminology next spring. Unlike other students in criminology, he has a unique career. He graduated from Korea Military Academy (West Point in Korea) in 2006. Prior to beginning his academic career at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), Minsik served honorably in the ROK Army for over fourteen years, most of which he spent at front line. He had difficulty in understanding criminology at first because his undergraduate major was civil engineering. However, as he has studied criminology, he realized that there is similarity between civil engineering and criminology. He said, “it sounds strange, I realized both studies are common. Criminology establishes the theory by building up various factors of society as civil engineering builds up dams and harbors by stacking materials like soil and stone.”

Minsik hoped that his learning would be pragmatic and practical. He hopes to apply the knowledge learning from UTD to military environment. His short-term goal is understanding the crime inherent in the ROK military due to unique situation to prevent it. Furthermore, his long-term goal is predicting crimes after unification of the Korean Peninsula to prepare future. Lastly, he added that the more he learns, the harder it becomes. He noted that there is no ending for learning.

Undergraduate Student Spotlight (Krista Walker)



Krista Walker

My name is Krista Walker, born and raised in Chicago IL. I have been a resident in Texas for 8 hrs. I will earn my Bachelor of Arts in Criminology in the spring 2018. Prior to attending UTD, I worked as a juvenile detention officer for two years. As of Oct 16th, I am currently employed by The Department of Homeland Security as a Transportation Security Officer. (TSA). I have many leadership roles. My passion is working with children. I have started a non-profit organization called Diversified Inspiration Youth Center, where I serve as the Executive. The organization is to serve and provide youth with an opportunity at a better life. I am a member of the NAACP. I became a member to advocate for those who are afraid to do so. Also, to make a difference in my community, as well as, to continue to bring awareness of the African American injustice in our society that we face. Furthermore, I am a REACH Mentor for McKinney ISD with the plan to teach and reach each child, one heart beat at a time. College life has been a great experience. It has taught me to explore new things, meet new people, and learning everything. Once I earn my Bachelor this will be my greatest milestone.

If you need additional information or want to know more about me please let me know. I soon will have to leave to Glynco GA, for TSA training. I will not have access to internet.

Alumni Spotlight (Dr. Erin A. Orrick)



Dr. Erin A. Orrick has been an Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology since August 2013. Her interest in criminology and criminal justice began while taking an undergraduate course on critical issues in criminal justice at Texas Christian University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 2001. She then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 2005, before entering among one of the first doctoral program cohorts in Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas, graduating in 2012.

Dr. Orrick has maintained an active research agenda related to her main areas of interest, which include contemporary issues in corrections, such as prisoner reentry, recidivism, correctional policy and prison population reduction strategies, along with an interest in research methodology and quantitative analysis. Her work has been published in leading journals such as *Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

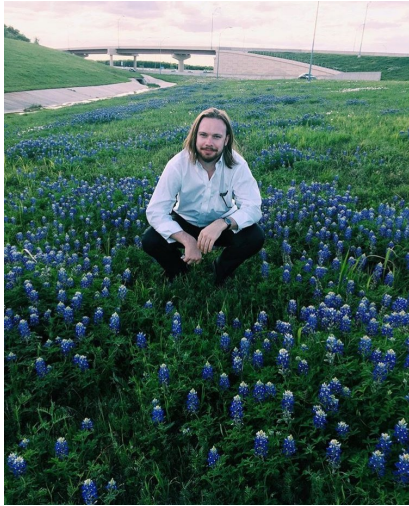
In July 2017, Dr. Orrick was appointed as the Research Director for the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT). CMIT is housed within the Criminal Justice Center at SHSU, and is responsible for developing and providing training and technical assistance programs for personnel in juvenile and adult corrections agencies. As Research Director, she works to promote and facilitate research interests and needs between research faculty and agencies.

Dr. Orrick's current work largely relates to her research interests and through her work with CMIT. Some of her current projects include serving as Principal-Investigator for a grant funded under the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division to develop a Specialty Court Resource Center in Texas under the "Specialty Courts Training and Technical Assistance Program." She is a Site-Investigator for a National Institute of Justice funded grant "Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control and re-entry" with Co-PIs David Pyrooz, Ph.D. and Scott Decker, Ph.D., where she is focusing on the examination of criminal careers of released individuals. She also serves as a Research Partner with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Reentry and Integration Division's Smart Reentry project with the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Since joining the faculty at SHSU, she has had the opportunity to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level, mostly in the areas of corrections and research methods. Through various projects and teaching graduate courses, Dr. Orrick has enjoyed the opportunity to work and collaborate with multiple graduate students, and considers it to be one of the more rewarding aspects of her job.

Outside of work, Erin, her husband of 15 years, Lindsey, and their two children (Maya, 12, and Landon, 10) try to enjoy what life in the area has to offer. They currently live on Lake Conroe to maximize time boating, swimming, and watching the varied wildlife that venture into their backyard. Erin also keeps active with a regular running schedule. To date, she has completed 25 half marathons, 8 marathons. During any free time, the family also enjoys traveling, especially to Colorado, Minnesota, Florida, and Disney.

Ph.D. Student Spotlight (Zachary A. Powell)



Zachary A. Powell

Zachary A. Powell is a Ph.D. candidate in the Criminology & Criminal Justice program at the University of Texas at Dallas. His research focuses on policing, public policy, and applied quantitative analysis. Some of his recent work has appeared in *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Deviant Behavior*, and *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*.

The focus of Zach's work centers on examining variation and patterns of police misconduct. In particular, a large area of his research agenda involves evaluating policy reform efforts in a holistic manner, including, but not limited to, patterns of civil rights litigation, use of force rates, and cost-benefit analysis. He intends to use these tools to explore various aspects of consent decrees when applied to police, correctional, and corporate crime issues.

Zach is currently on the job market (destined for parts unknown). If things do not work out, there is a good chance he will either start a farm-to-table restaurant/micro-brewery, become a Lonely Planet writer, or join the Peace Corps. Send him an e-mail if you are interested in investing in a restaurant or micro-brewery.

Student Achievements & Activity

Back, S., Sung Y., **LaPrade, J.** (2017). The effect of terrorism risk perception and agency's interaction on police homeland security preparedness. *International Journal of Police and Policing*, 2(1), 7-13.

Criminology doctoral student Jennifer LaPrade has been appointed as the only student representative on the Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board—IRB) committee at UT Dallas.

ASC Presenters:

Jennifer LaPrade	Shih, Mengru (Lily)
Rosenthal, M. Jessica	Zachary A. Powell
Ha-Neul Yim	

Justice Administration and Leadership (JAL)

The Justice Administration and Leadership (JAL) Executive Masters program continues to service the local criminal justice community. Its 23 students represent a variety of agencies across the metroplex, including Dallas, Coppell, Waco, Grand Prairie, Frisco, Richardson, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The program continues to celebrate the professional accomplishments of its current and former students. Most recently, graduate Jonathan Walker of the U.S. Marshals Service was promoted to supervisor of enforcement operations for the District of Colorado. His new duties will include assigning and overseeing criminal investigations and ensuring USMS investigators in the district have the training and resources necessary to accomplish their mission.

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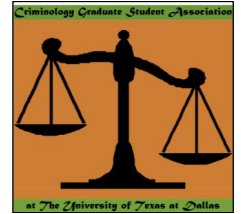
Delta Psi Chapter, The University of Texas at Dallas

Alpha Phi Sigma, Delta Psi, is an honor's student organization recognizing the accomplishments of high achieving criminology and related majors in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences. The organization currently has twenty-six active members who have completed over 175 hours of community service last academic year and has already accrued 84 hours this fall. Any member can run for any of the six officer positions as vacancies arise. Following our recent officer elections at the April 2017 General Meeting, the current officers are: President –Erin Wilds, Vice President- Tiffany Chu, Secretary – Noel Than, Treasurer – Shaquille Henderson, Historian – Justin Sequerra, and Public Affairs Officer – Miriam Ali. Our Delta Psi Chapter held its annual Induction Ceremony on Monday, May 1 at the Cappuccino Italian Bistro. Fourteen active members attended the Fall Guns and Hoses Boxing Tournament where firefighters and police officers from North Texas jurisdictions box as a fund raising event for the educational expenses of the children of Firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty in the North Texas area.

Any interested student may contact any of the Officers for more information about membership or they may contact the Chapter Faculty Advisor, Dr. Jon Maskály at jmaskaly@utdallas.edu. The National Office requires the following criteria: 3.2 grade point average overall, must have completed four or more criminology or criminal justice classes, must be an actively enrolled student at the University of Texas at Dallas and have a declared major or minor in criminology or a related field and must have completed three full semesters of college level work.

Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSA)

The Criminology Graduate Student Association was started by fellow graduate students in 2008, and is advised by Dr. Lynne Vieraitis. CGSA strives to strengthen the voice of Criminology Graduate students, facilitate professional development, and foster social networking among students and faculty.



So far this year, CGSA has hosted two brown bag talks. The first included advice from our own criminology faculty members regarding the qualifier and comprehensive exams, while the second was a talk by Dr. Stephen Bishopp, a UTD criminology graduate, about his unique career path as a sergeant with the Dallas Police Department, as well as actively conducting research on policing strategy and evidence-based crime prevention. In addition to the brown bags, CGSA coordinated a service event with Jonathan's Place, which is an emergency shelter that provides services to children and adolescents. CGSA members spent a Saturday with the kids, playing games and doing crafts.

Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSA) Event

CGSA hosted Dr. Stephen Bishopp, who is a UT Dallas Criminology graduate, a sergeant with the Dallas Police Department, and the Associate Director of Research at the Caruth Police Institute. During the brown bag on **Friday, October 20th, at 1:30pm to 3:00pm, in SSA 14.244**. Dr. Bishopp gave graduate students a presentation on his unique career path as well as his current research in policing.



CGSA residential voluntary activity on a emergency shelter for children and teenagers on **Saturday, October 28th, from 9:00am to noon**.

CGSA helped the kids paint bags for their trunk or treat program, as well as playing with and reading to the kids.

Department Achievements & Activity

Publication

Wheeler, Andrew P. (2017). The effect of 311 calls for service on crime in D.C. at microplaces. *Crime & Delinquency Online First*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1057/s41284-017-0094-1>.

Forth Craig, Jessica M. and **Nicole Leeper Piquero**. (2017). Sensational offending: An application of sensation seeking to white-collar and conventional crimes. *Crime and Delinquency*.

Leal, Wanda Marc Gertz, **Alex R. Piquero, and, Nicole Leeper Piquero**. (2017). What happens of the field stays on the field: Exploring the link between football player penalties and criminal arrests. *Deviant Behavior*, 38(11): 1279-1289.

Meitl, M. B., **Nicole Leeper Piquero, & Alex R. Piquero**. (2017). Predicting the length of jury deliberations. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 40(2), 238-245.

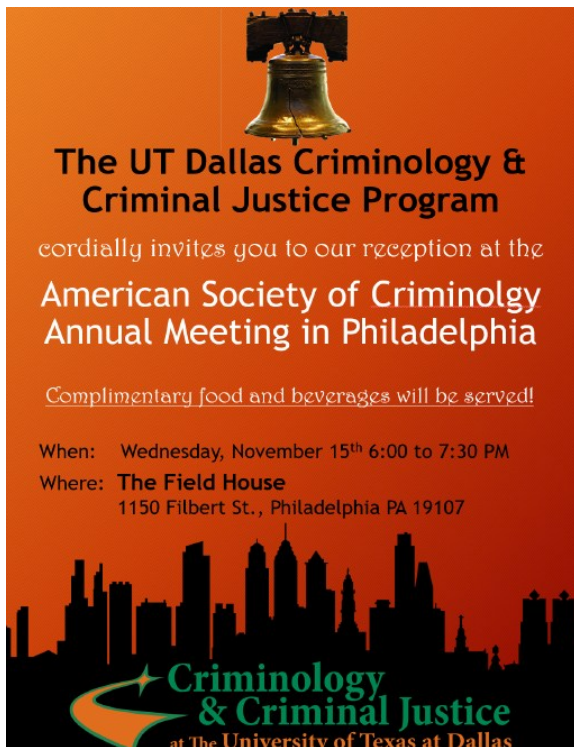
Grant

Wheeler, Andrew P. The Center for Teaching and Learning -- Flipping Communities and Crime into a Blended Learning Course (\$5,400)

Conferences

Wheeler, Andrew P. 2017. Monitoring temporal crime trends for outliers: A workshop using Excel. Workshop presented at the International Association of Crime Analysts conference, New Orleans, LA. September 12th.

Department Events



Program Reception at ASC meeting

Criminology & Criminal Justice Program held a reception meeting at ASC with current students, faculty members, and alumni on November 15th at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Numerous members of Criminology & Criminal justice Program joined the event and shared recent news and research interests.


Guest Lecture of internationally-recognized researcher

Dr. Adriane Raine, the Richard Perry University Professor in the Departments of Criminology, Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, visited criminology program and delivered presentation entitled *“The Anatomy of Violence: Dissecting the Biological Roots of Crime”*.

Join us for a research presentation entitled
“The Anatomy of Violence: Dissecting the Biological Roots of Crime”

Distinguished Guest Speaker
Dr. Adrian Raine
 Richard Perry University Professor
 University of Pennsylvania

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When
**November 28, 2017
 10:30am to 12:00 pm**

Where
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Our Students, Faculty, and Alumni



Dr. Nicole Piquero (left) receiving the gavel from (formal president of ACJS) She will be serving as ACJS's President in the upcoming year.



Sips of Science: National Felon League?
Facts and Implications of NFL Player Misbehavior

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
6:30pm: Happy Hour
7:00pm: Presentation

Angela's at the Crosswalk: 1010 E. 15th Street in Plano
Presented by The UT Dallas Office of Graduate Studies

Do NFL players commit more crimes than the general public? Do troublemakers on the field get into trouble off it? What do our assumptions say about us and them? Regardless of your stance on football, the answers may surprise you.

Answers are available thanks to NFL-related research projects by Dr. Alex Piquero and his colleagues. He will present the facts and discuss their implications.

About Sips of Science: Sips of Science is a community outreach program organized by the University of Texas at Dallas. Sips of Science events are free and open to the public and usually occur each month at Angela's at the Crosswalk. Drinks are on you. Knowledge is on us. For more information, contact graduatestudies@utdallas.edu.

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SIPS OF SCIENCE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Angela's
Crosswalk
Comfort Food & Great Spirits

Dr. Alex Piquero
Ashbel Smith Professor
of Criminology

Dr. Alex Piquero (left) introduced his recent study on crime committed by NFL players in the Sips of Science

Our Students, Faculty, and Alumni



John L. Worrall, Ph.D. became the Executive Director of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Among a variety of other responsibilities, the Executive Director approves the hiring of and supervises the national office staff, directs the implementation of ACJS initiatives so directed by the President and the Executive Board, supervises the production of the annual meeting, assists the Treasurer to meet fiduciary responsibilities for the Academy, has responsibility for conference site hotel contract negotiations, and works with the Academy's journal publisher.

Dr. Nadine M. Connell (right) presenting award to winner of Crime Scene Investigation competition. She will be serving as SWACJ's President in the upcoming year.



Faculty members (from left Dr. Mayskaly, Dr. Connell, Dr. Warrall, Dr. AR. Piquero, Dr. NC. Piquero) participated in SWACJ.

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ Academy of Criminal Justice Science 55th Annual Meeting
 - February 13 - 17, 2018
 - New Orleans, LA

