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Special points of interest:

- We hosted John Petrila and graduated four PhD candidates.
- CGSA
- Alpha Phi Sigma
- Check out our impressive list of graduates and student and faculty accomplishments!

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A Word from...

Spring 2017 was a productive and lively semester for our students and faculty. Many of us attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Most notably, Dr. Nicole L. Piquero was sworn in as the new President of ACJS. Dr. Nadine Connell will also be assisting her as co-Program Chair for the 55th annual ACJS meeting in New Orleans next February. We are looking forward to seeing many of our students, colleagues, and alumni in New Orleans.

Our program also hosted John Petrila, Vice President of Adult Policy at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute in Dallas, for an invited talk in April. Before joining MMHPI in November 2016, Mr. Pe-

trila has worked across various academic, government, and social institutions in Florida, Missouri, and New York. His work focuses on analyzing the trajectories, service use and costs associated with people with mental illnesses and co-morbid mental and physical health issues and its policy implications. He offered mentoring to our graduate students and gave an insightful presentation on the state of mental health as it relates to policy and research.

As the Spring 2017 semester winds down, it is a busy time for faculty and student alike. While it can be hectic, these are also some of the most rewarding times for our faculty as we celebrate the stellar academic achievements of our students during honors convocation, commencement,

and hooding ceremonies. This May we celebrated the graduation of four outstanding doctoral students from our program as well as many master's and undergraduate students.

To all our graduates, I wish you great success as you move into the next chapter of your journey, whether it be an academic or practitioner setting—and I hope you will keep in touch with us and let us know of your accomplishments so we can brag about you. In the words of one of the greatest storytellers, Walt Disney—"all our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." So do great things! Have a wonderful summer and see you all in the Fall.

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Faculty Spotlight



A Seattle native, John L. Worrall received his B.A. in Law and Justice/Psychology from Central Washington University in 1994 and his M.S. in Criminal Justice from Washington State University (WSU) in 1995. He went on to complete his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1999, when Criminal Justice was still part of the Political Science Department at WSU. His first academic position was with the Department of Criminal Justice at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). He was promoted to associate professor there in September of 2004.

In 2006, Dr. Worrall left CSUSB and took a position as an associate professor in the Criminology Program at the University of Texas at Dallas. He was attracted to UTD because of its decision to launch a Ph.D. program in Criminology, which in 2008 accepted its first cohort of graduate students. That was also the year Dr. Worrall was promoted to full professor.

In 2010, Dr. Worrall assumed the role of Program Head and held that position until August 2015 when he transitioned into directing the executive M.S. program in Justice Administration and Leadership (JAL), a position he continues to hold. The JAL program roughly parallels UTD's popular MBA program, but with an applied justice-specific focus. Most current JAL students (there are around 25) work as police officers in various local police departments.

Though administration has presented challenges for his research productivity, Dr. Worrall continues to work on a variety of projects, most with a policing focus. Recent studies include an evaluation of the police consent decree process (with Zach Powell and Michele Meitl), which was published in *Criminology & Public Policy* in May 2017, and another project focusing on police investigative expenditures and clearance rates, which was recently accepted for publication in *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Dr. Worrall also continues to enjoy writing and revising books. The projects he enjoys the most are *Crime Control in America: What Works?* (4th edition in the works), *Criminal Procedure: From First Contact to Appeal* (6th edition in the works), and, with Larry Siegel, *Introduction to Criminal Justice* (16th edition, Cengage) and *Essentials of Criminal Justice* (11th edition in the works). He also continues to serve as Editor of the journal *Police Quarterly*, having held that position since 2008.

On the personal side of things, John and his wife of 20 years, Sabrina, enjoy spending time with their kids (Dylan, 15, and Jordyn, 13) and traveling. They greatly miss all the wonderful northwest outdoor offerings and, as such, travel far and wide to recreate—and, even more importantly, escape the searing Texas summer heat. They spend a great deal of time in Colorado, particularly Steamboat Springs, skiing in the winter and hiking and mountain biking in the summer. They also enjoy traveling to the gulf beaches and, whenever possible, getting back to Seattle and other great places in Washington, where most of their family continues to reside and “home” will forever be.

Undergraduate Student Spotlight



Jimmy Farias

Jimmy Farias grew up in the Dallas area and will be earning his Bachelor of Arts in Criminology this fall. He is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and is currently in the Fast Track program. Jimmy will transition into the graduate program spring 2018 to pursue a Master of Science degree in Criminology. Prior to beginning his academic career at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD),

Jimmy served honorably in the United States Air Force (USAF) for over eight years, most of which he spent in the international theatre. He remains employed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as a consultant.

Jimmy currently serves as Vice-President for the Veterans of UTD student organization, where he strives to unite veterans, facilitate their transition from military to civilian

life, and advocate an environment that encourages veteran success in academics. Additionally, Jimmy is Historian for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), where he focuses on advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, and civil rights—among other interests—of Hispanic students and members of the community.

Student Achievements & Activity

Medrano, J. A., **Ozkan, T.**, & Morris, R. (2017). Solitary confinement exposure and capital inmate misconduct. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. DOI:10.1007/s12103-017-9389-3.

Ozkan, T., Worrall, J. L., & Zettler, H. (2017). Validating media-driven and crowdsourced police shooting data: A research note. *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

Meldrum, RC, *Piquero, A. R.*, **Ozkan, T.**, & **Powell, Z. A.** (2017). An examination of the criminological consequences and correlates of remorselessness during adolescence. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*.

Ozkan, T. & Worrall, J. L. (2017). A psychosocial test of the maturity gap thesis. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

BJ Wagner was a guest speaker at the John Jay Cops, Reform, & Justice Symposium at the University of Texas at Austin.

ACJS Presenters:

Amny Shuraydi

Bola Fenny

Jennifer LaPrade

Richard Riner

Stephanie Cardwell

Turgut Ozkan

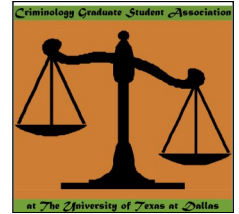
Zachary A. Powell

Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSA)

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

CGSA looks to host future social and community service events in the upcoming academic year. Feel free to contact one of the CGSA officers for details on membership, potential fundraising, and social events.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers: President and Risk Manager I - Amny Shuraydi; Vice President and Risk Manager II- Zach Powell; Treasurer- Bola Fenny; Secretary- Jennifer LaPrade; Social Coordinator- Jordan Riddell; Community Service Coordinator- Richard Hernandez.



Alpha Phi Sigma



Alpha Phi Sigma

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society

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 this academic year. Any member can run for any of the six officer positions as vacancies arise. Following our recent officer elections at the April 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.

Any interested student may contact any of the Officers for more information about membership or they may contact the Chapter Faculty Advisor, Dr. O. Elmer Polk at elmer.polk@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. Students interested in membership should talk with any of the Officers or pick up an application form outside Dr. Polk's office door at GR 2.208 and make an appointment with him to submit the form.

Department Events



Our department hosted John Petrila (left), the current Vice President of Adult Policy at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI). Petrila visited with graduate students and discussed his career as an attorney and his experience working to progress mental health law and policy. He shared details on an ongoing evaluation of MMHPI initiatives and discussed previous evaluations of mental health programs.

BJ Wagner (seated, middle) is a UTD Criminology PhD student and the Director of Smart Justice at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute. In April, BJ spoke at the Cops, Reform, & Justice Symposium at the University of Texas at Austin alongside Matt Simpson (seated, left), a Senior Policy Strategist for the ACLU, and Phillip Tingirides (seated, right), a Deputy Chief for the LAPD.



Following the doctoral hooding ceremony, graduates celebrated alongside current PhD students, family, friends, and faculty members at our doctoral hooding reception in Green Hall.

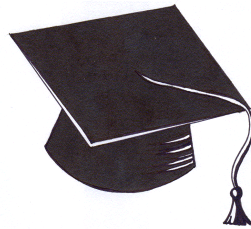
Criminology Fall 2016 Master's Graduates

➤ Heather Farnsworth

➤ Lydia Griffin

➤ Stephanie Huberman

➤ Jordan Riddell



Criminology PhD Graduates

➤ Dr. Stephanie Cardwell

The University of Queensland

➤ Dr. Turgut Ozkan

Arkansas State University

➤ Dr. Michele Meitl

Texas Christian University

➤ Dr. Richard Riner

Buena Vista University



“For good nurture and education implant good constitutions.”

—Plato

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

—Nelson Mandela

“It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.”

—Rene Descartes

UT Dallas – Criminology PhD Graduates

Spring – 2017!

Congratulations!



Drs. Alex Piquero and Turgut Ozkan



Drs. Stephanie Cardwell and Alex Piquero



Drs. Nadine Connell and Richard Riner



Drs. Nicole Piquero and Michele Meitl

Department Achievements & Activity

Faculty

Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology, **Alex Piquero**, has articles forthcoming from: *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and *Justice Quarterly*.

Dr. John Worrall was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by Washington State University.

Wheeler, A. P., & Phillips, S. W. (2017). A quasi-experimental evaluation using roadblocks and automatic license plate readers to reduce crime in Buffalo, NY. *Security Journal Online First*. doi:10.1057/s41284-017-0094-1.

Schell-Busey, N. M., **Connell, N. M.**, & Kahle, L. (2017). Weight, perceptions, and bullying: What kind of pounds matter? *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. doi:10.1007/s10826-017-0740-6.

Peguero, A. A., **Connell, N. M.**, & Hong, J. S. (2016). School violence and safety. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*. doi:10.1177/1541204016680404.

Donner, C. M., **Maskály, J.**, **Piquero, A. R.**, & Jennings, W. G. (2017). Quick on the draw: Assessing the relationship between low self-control and officer-involved police shootings. *Police Quarterly*, 20(2), 213-234. doi:10.1177/1098611116688066.

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Kleck, G., **Kovandzic, T.**, & Bellows, J. (2016). Does gun control reduce violent crime? *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(4), 488-513. doi:10.1177/0734016816670457.

Our Students, Faculty, and Alumni



Dr. Nicole Piquero (above, middle) at the investiture ceremony receiving the Robert E. Holmes endowment.



Dr. Worrall (above, middle) receiving his Distinguished Alumni Award from Washington State University with Otto Marenin (left) and Nicholas Lovrich (right).



Dr. Stephanie Cardwell is pictured (left) for the Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice 2016 Best Paper Award.



Dr. Alex Piquero (above, right) receiving the President's Award from the Western Society of Criminology.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper Competitions
 - For more information please contact Dr. Nadine Connell at nadine.connell@utdallas.edu
- ◆ American Society of Criminology 73rd Annual Meeting
 - November 15-18, 2017
 - Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting
 - October 12-14, 2017
 - Fort Worth, TX

