

The University of Texas at Dallas **Criminology**

Special points of interest:

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- We highlight one faculty member and two students from our department who have achieved something unique!
- CGSA
- Alpha Phi Sigma
- Check out our impressive list of graduates and student and faculty accomplishments!

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A Word from...

Welcome to the second Criminology Program newsletter of the year. Congratulations to all of our spring undergraduate, master's and PhD students who are graduating this May. A special congratulations to all of our PhD students who have earned their doctorates and are off to universities across the country to educate students and engage in research.

In the fall, we will have two new faculty members, Dr. Andrew Wheeler and Dr. Jonathan Maskaly. Dr Wheeler earned his PhD in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany, SUNY. His research agenda focuses on the spatial analysis of crime and criminal behavior, specifically on the journey to crime and the mod- U.S. Marshals Service. eling of small place correlates of crime. Dr. Jonathan Maskaly earned his PhD in Criminology from the University of South Florida. He conducts research in policing, including police misconduct and police-community relations. We look forward to Drs. Wheeler and Maskaly joining our faculty in August.

Additionally, the Executive Justice Administration and Leadership (JAL) MS program continues to expand into new areas. This past fall the program welcomed students in management and executive positions from various police departments (e.g., Dallas, McKinney), the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the Criminology Program. For questions about the graduate program and PhD advising inquiries, please contact Dr. Worrall, Associate Program Head and PhD advisor. If you have advising questions about the MS program, please contact Nora Hernandez or Christina Rhodes, and for the undergraduate program, the EPPS Advisors.

Dr. Lynne M. Vieraitis, PhD Program Head & Associate Professor Criminology & Sociology Program

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Faculty Spotlight



Lynne M. Vieraitis earned her Ph.D. in Criminology from Florida State University. After six years as an Assistant Professor in the Justice Sciences Department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, she joined the faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas in 2007.

Dr. Vieraitis has maintained an active research agenda in the areas of identity theft, violence and criminal justice policy and gender inequality. Specifically, her work focuses on identity theft from the offender's perspective; the impact of various crime policies, e.g. prison release, incarceration, and "three strikes you're out laws," on crime rates; and gender inequality and female homicide victimization. She has authored or co-authored numerous articles that have been published in refereed journals, book chapters, and served as co-principal investigator on a Na-

tional Institute of Justice funded grant on identity theft. Her work has been published in *Criminology & Public Policy, Justice Quarterly, Homicide Studies, Feminist Criminology,* and other journals and disseminated at professional conferences, and local and national media outlets.

Her research on identity theft based on her interviews with federally convicted identity thieves has received nationwide attention. It has been published in peer-reviewed journals, edited books, presented at the Fraud Forum hosted by the Federal Trade Commission, the National Institute of Justice, as well as for various professional conferences and news media outlets. Dr. Vieraitis was invited by Representative Sam Johnson to testify at the *House Ways and Means Committee*, Subcommittee Hearing on Social Security Numbers and Child Identity Theft. Her book, *Identity Thieves: Motives and Methods*, co-authored with Heith Copes, was published in April 2012 by Northeastern University Press.

In recent years, Dr. Vieraitis has shifted her research agenda to mainly qualitative research after a serendipitous meeting with a woman who had been incarcerated in New York under the Rockefeller drug laws and later served time in Texas. This gatekeeper allowed her access to men and women who had been incarcerated in Texas prisons. Her current research involves in-depth interviews with parolees who have served lengthy terms in an effort to understand how they "do time" and the ways in which "doing time" impacts their return to society. Including her interviews with identity thieves, she has conducted face-to-face interviews with nearly 150 federal and state offenders in and out of prison. They represent a diverse group of men and women who have committed offenses ranging from burglary, identity theft and fraud to drug sellers and murderers.

Dr. Vieraitis has taught numerous courses in criminology and criminal justice to undergraduates including criminological theory, criminal justice ethics, and violence. She has also taught graduate level courses in criminological theory, criminal justice administration, corrections and crime policy.

"Neither the life of an individual nor the history of a society can be understood without understanding both."

- C. Wright Mills

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Graduate Student Spotlight



Turgut Ozkan

Turgut Ozkan is a teaching assistant and a Criminology doctoral student at the University of Texas at Dallas, and is currently completing his dissertation. In the fall of 2016, Turgut will be teaching Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences at UTD. Before enrolling in the PhD program in 2012, he worked in various government positions analyzing crime patterns. Turgut received his bachelors degree in system engineering and management from Kara Harp Okulu and his M.S. in Criminology from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Turgut is originally from Turkey and his research interests include machine learning, decision making, risk assessment, policing, and developmen- Turgut has attended academic tal criminology. He is currently conferences and presented solo using machine learning and data and collaborative research. He mining techniques for his disser- has also received certificates tation on predicting recidivism, from the University of Essex which was awarded a grant from for Dynamic Modeling and the the Charles Koch Foundation.

Turgut has won several graduate student paper competitions from Turgut feels fortunate to be a SWACJ and ACJS. He has pub-student in the UT Dallas crimilished articles on developmental nology program because of the criminology, police-race rela- distinguished faculty that protionship, delinquency, survival vide valuable academic and analysis, and the deterrent effect professional guidance. He beof solitary confinement. He has a lieves that this guidance has solo-authored work that has been equipped him with the tools published in the Journal of Crim- necessary to achieve everyinal Justice and he has been thing he has accomplished. invited to be a reviewer for Justice Quarterly.

University of Michigan for Exploratory Data Mining.

Undergraduate Student Spotlight



Nathan Camp

Nathan was born in the Dallas area and has lived here all of his life. He started college as a Historical Studies major but switched to Criminology in 2013 once he realized that he wanted to work in public service. Nathan will be graduating at end of the Spring 2016 semester and plans to continue his education by attending graduate school.

For the past two summers, as well as this upcoming summer, Nathan has worked at Liberty Park Recreation Center in Plano as a Day Camp Leader for their summer camp program. Nathan's responsibilities as a camp leader involve leading physical activities with kids ages 6-10, playing games with them, leading them in various arts and crafts activities, and generally ensuring the safety

and well-being of the children on a daily basis. Nathan finds these daily interactions rewarding: especially with children that have learning disabilities. Nathan notes that in his experience it takes longer to accumulate the trust of children with learning disabilities.

Nathan shared a personal story from one of his interactions with a child. He detailed how he was able to bond with a young girl that struggled with anxiety. This girl loved to jump into swimming pools as long as there was someone to catch her. Nathan was the chosen. trusted individual who stood in the pool catching this young girl while she jumped into the water. He vividly remembers seeing this girl's excitement and genuine happiness at something as simple as jumping into a pool. Nathan explains that these interactions gave him the drive and passion to pursue a career in law enforcement upon completing graduate school.

Nathan's personal and career goals include helping others and pursuing appropriate justice for wrongdoers in society.

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Dr. Stephen Bishopp Class of 2013

Dr. Stephen A. Bishopp's policing career began at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Pennsylvania Air National Guard. In 1986, Steve attended Slippery Rock University until he eventually transferred to Shippensburg University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 1989. He entered the graduate program in Criminology in 2006 and was among the first cohort of doctoral students. Since 2010 Steve has served as a lecturer at the University of Texas at Dallas and has taught undergraduate courses in policing, criminal investigations, introduction to criminalistics, and crime and public policy. He also lectures at Collin College and has taught crime theory, criminal law, and policing.

Steve is in a unique 'dual-career' situation as both an academic and practitioner. In his policing role, he has been a sergeant for 16 years with the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and experienced a variety of operational and administrative duties. Operationally, Steve has supervised patrol officers in several patrol divisions within DPD, as well as being in charge of a unit consisting of plain-clothes, covert detectives and uniformed proactive-enforcement patrol

Featured Alumnus

officers. Steve was in charge of surveillance operations, writing search warrants, serving search/arrest warrants, and tracking violent offenders. Administratively, his duties included a patrol division's administrative sergeant in charge of coordinating various functions within the division. Steve later switched roles and became the FTO (field training officer) program supervisor and was in charge of the training for all sworn 300+ personnel within the patrol division.

Currently, Steve is assigned to the Caruth Police Institute (CPI) which is located in DPD's headquarters building. He serves as the Associate Director for Research and has been there since June 2013. Steve is the first full-time research director assigned to CPI with the mission of developing their research agenda. Steve's research focus is in evidence-based policing and helping organizations, within and outside DPD. Additionally, he collects, manages, and analyzes data in a manner that serves to inform future policies and procedures. He is currently doing so as a program evaluator and primary researcher for the City of Targeted Offender Program in the Dallas Community Prosecutor's office and for AIM: a Dallas County District Attorney's offender diversion program. Steve has also assisted non-profit groups such as ACT Dallas with data collection and interpretation.

As CPI's research director, Steve collaborates with a number of researchers and faculty members from UTD, UNT-Dallas, UTSW, and the DOJ and assists them in collecting and analyzing data. Recently, through collaborative efforts, Steve has co-authored a number of publications on topics such as police stress. police sexual misconduct, and TASER policy. Through these relationships, Steve has compiled, or is currently building datasets for use in ongoing studies of neighborhood crime rates, crime reduction efforts in high-violence neighborhoods, officer involved shooting incidents, GIS information on multi-year crime data, and the like. From a community service perspective, Steve offers his assistance for a number of functions. For

example, he is member of the IRB committee for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC), is an outside committee member for a UTSW psychology doctoral student's dissertation, and is an assistance researcher for the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. Additionally, during his time at UTD, Steve served as the 2nd president of the Criminology Graduate Student Association and was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma.

To date, Steve has published eight peer-reviewed journal articles, one book chapter, assisted with compiling professional profiles for a policing text book, and is a co-investigator on a grant funded project. Steve's work has appeared in Criminal Justice Policy Review, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Public Health, Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management, and Police Quarterly. Moreover, Steve has appeared as a guest on an in-studio interview for Fox4 News in Dallas, Texas, to discuss TASER policy and the potential ramifications of changes to TASER-use in agencies use-of-force continua. Steve has been invited as a guest lecturer to more than 25 undergraduate and graduate classes at UTD, Collin College, TCU, and Dallas County Community College. He has debated topics ranging from media and crime, body-worn camera policy, police use-of-force, and many other police-related issues. Overall, his research is an attempt to inform policy from an evidence-based paradigm which means that Steve's current focus is increased knowledge on individual-level effects of policing and reducing negative outcomes (thoughts of suicide, certain types of misconduct, alcohol abuse, etc.).

"Nobody is bothered about an institution more than its alumni."

—N. R. Narayana Murthy

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.



There will be fundraising events taking place this fall. These funds will allow us to contribute to our Adopt-a-Family program as an organization. Additionally, we will continue to provide small

monetary awards to current CGSA members presenting at any of the annual academic conferences. We look forward to our continued growth as an organization and involvement with our department, university, and the field of Criminology.

Our newly elected officers: President and Risk Manager I - Justine Medrano; Vice-President and Risk Manager II - Zach Powell; Treasurer - Bola Fenny; Secretary - Stephanie Huberman; Social Coordinator - Jordan Riddell; Community Service Coordinator - Richard Hernandez

Fundraising:

CGSA has shirts in a limited selection of sizes and designs on sale for \$10. Please see a CGSA member to get yours today!

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 200 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 March General Meeting, the current officers are: President – Calvonah S. Jenkins, Vice President – Noel Than, Secretary – Brent Hanish, Treasurer – Tiffany M. Chu, Historian – Richard Ra, and Public Affairs Officer – Sokyoung Hong. Our Delta Psi Chapter will be holding its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 27 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 competed 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.

Dallas County Criminal Justice Forum

The 2nd Dallas County Criminal Justice Forum took place on April 16, 2016. The UT Dallas Pre-Law Department officially hosted the event. Jennifer LaPrade, a first year criminology PhD student, coordinated the Dallas County Criminal Justice Forum under the direction of Anne Dutia, the director of UT Dallas' Pre-Law Department. The event was held in the SLC auditorium at UTD's campus and hosted the Dallas County DA's Office so that students and members of the community could come to learn more about them.







The Dallas County Criminal Justice Forum featured members of the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, the UT Dallas Pre-Law department, and the UT Dallas Criminology department. There were multiple guest speakers throughout the day that discussed topics ranging from in depth analyses of capital murder cases to wrongful convictions to domestic violence research conducted by Dr. Denise P. Boots. Dr. Nadine Connell moderated a panel consisting of representatives from the most progressive divisions in the Dallas County DA's Office. This panel allowed students to learn about the functions of the LGBT Task Force, Reformative Justice Unit, Elder Abuse Unit, and Mental Health Unit.

Notable UT Dallas faculty members, like Dr. Lynne Vieraitis and Dr. John Worrall, also spoke at this event.



Criminology Fall 2015 Master's Graduates

► David Barnett

► Rachel Ralston-Miller

► Nestor Jimenez

► Natalee Voots

Criminology Spring 2016 Master's Graduates

- **→** Jeffrey Dill
- **→** Richard Hernandez
- Cynthia Tusko

- **➤ Kamille Cherry**
- **►** Mohammed Iftikhar
- **→** Jakim Williams
- **➣** Stephen Shay



Criminology PhD Graduates

- Dr. Nina Barbieri

The University of Houston -Downtown

➣ Dr. Stephen Clipper

The University of Alabama

➤ Dr. Haley Zettler

The University of Memphis



► Dr. Alexis Harper

Texas A&M International
University

► Dr. Mark Saber

University of North Texas

→ Dr. Erik Milzcik

"All real education is the architecture of the soul."

-William Bennett

"Graduation is only a concept. In real life, every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference."

—Arie Pencovici

"A journey to a thousand miles begins with a single step."

UT Dallas – Criminology PhD Graduates Spring – 2016!

Congratulations!









Department Achievements & Activity

Students

Nina Barbieri, Stephen J. Clipper, and **Arthur G. Vasquez** had a publication accepted: "Adolescent Gang Membership and Differences in Ethnic Identity, Esteem, and Efficacy" in the journal - *Deviant Behavior*.

Turgut Ozkan has recently co-authored two articles and has also been awarded a grant from the Charles Koch Foundation Grant For Predicting Recidivism Research for his dissertation.

Ozkan, T. (2016). Reoffending among serious juvenile offenders: A developmental perspective. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46, 18-31.

Ozkan, T. Worrall, J. & Piquero, A. R. (2016). Does Minority Representation in Police Agencies Reduce Assaults on the Police? American Journal of Criminal Justice. DOI 10.1007/s12103-016-9338-6

Rocque, M., Jennings, W. J., *Piquero, A. R.*, **Ozkan, T**., & Farrington, D. P. "The Importance of School Attendance: Findings from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development on the Association between Truancy and Life-Course Outcomes." *Crime & Delinquency*.

Crystal Martinez has recently co-authored an article that will be published in *Texas Probation*.

Boots, D. P., **Martinez, C.**, & LeBlanc, C. (2016). The evolution of criminal justice education and online curriculum for probation and parole professionals: Past, present and future challenges and considerations. *Texas Probation*, 31(1), 12-18.

Rebecca Eichelberger recently co-authored an article that will published in *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*.

Eichelberger, R., & Barnes, J. C. 2015. Biosocial Criminology. *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. 1–8.

ACJS Presenters:

Alexis Harper Jordan Riddell Richard Riner

Amny Shuryadi Justine Medrano Stephanie M. Cardwell

Arthur G. Vasquez Nina Barbieri Stephen J. Clipper

Haley Zettler Omobolanle Fenny Turgut Ozkan

Ivan Wong Richard Hernandez Zachary A. Powell

Department Achievements & Activity

Faculty

Dr. Denise Boots was the recipient of the 2016 *Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award*. This award is in recognition of her substantial contributions to criminal justice education, mentorship, and scholarship concerning ethnicity, race, and gender in criminology and criminal justice.

Furthermore, **Dr. Boots** received the 2016 University of Texas at Dallas President's Teaching Excellence Award: This annual award recognizes an outstanding tenured/tenure-track faculty member at the University for their contributions to teaching, mentorship, and dedication to excellence in undergraduate education. Dr. Boots will be recognized by President Wildenthal and given her award at the Honors Convocation ceremony on May 12th at 10am.

Dr. John Worrall had six articles published recently:

Bishopp, S. A., **Worrall, J. L.**, & *Piquero, N. L.* Forthcoming. "General Strain and Police Misconduct: The Role of Organizational Influence." *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management.*

Ozkan, T., Worrall, J. L., & Piquero, A. R. Forthcoming. "Does Minority Representation in Police Agencies Reduce Assaults on the Police?" American Journal of Criminal Justice.

Worrall, J. L. 2016. "Policy Essay: A Bump in the Road to Confession." Criminology & Public Policy 15:109-116.

Worrall, J. L. 2016. "Smart Policing in Frisco, Texas: Geographic and Temporal Displacement in a Micro Place." *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management* 39:36-51.

Carriaga, M., & Worrall, J. L. (2015). "Police Levels and Crime: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." *The Police Journal: Theory, Practice, and Principles* 88:315-33.

Worrall, J. L. (2015). "Validating Peer Review in Criminal Justice Evaluation Research: Evidence from CrimeSolutions.gov." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 26:507-529.

Dr. Alex Piquero has published articles in several journals including: *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Psychological Medicine, Development and Psychopathology, Justice Quarterly,* and *Journal of Experimental Criminology.*

Dr. Piquero also received the Western Society of Criminology's President's Award for contributions to the field of criminology and positive influence on the current WSC president's career. The award will be presented at the WSC's conference in February 2017.

Dr. Nadine Connell was nominated for the Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring and acknowledges faculty mentors who demonstrate superior leadership, support, and guidance towards the development of UT Dallas undergraduate students and their research endeavors. Dr. Connell was also invited to NPR's Think to discuss her research regarding bullying behavior in schools, her interview was published in the Dallas Morning News. Dr. Connell has published several articles these include:

Reingle Gonzalez, J.M., Salas-Wright, C.P., Connell, N.M., Jetelina, K.K., Clipper, S.J., & Businelle, M.S. Forthcoming. The long-term effects of school dropout and GED attainment on substance use disorders. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Connell, N.M., Morris, R.G., & Piquero, A.R. Forthcoming. Exploring bullying and adolescent substance use. Victims and Offenders. DOI: 10.1080/15564886.2015.1055416

Connell, N.M., *Morris, R.G.,* & *Piquero, A.R.* Forthcoming. Predicting bullying: Exploring the contributions of childhood negative life experiences in predicting adolescent bullying behavior. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology.* DOI: 10.1177/0306624X15573760

Furthermore, **Dr.** Connell has become the Second Vice President of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, a premier professional and scholarly society in the Criminal Justice field.

Dr. Nicole Leeper Piquero had five published articles recently:

Bishopp, S. A., Worrall, J. L., & Piquero, N. L. (Forthcoming) "General Strain and Police Misconduct: The Role of Organizaitoal Influence" Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management.

Craig, J. M., & **Piquero**, **N. L.** (Forthcoming) "The Effects of Low Self-Control and Desire-for-Control on White-Collar Offending: A Replication" *Crime and Deviance*.

Meitl, M. B., Piquero N. L., & Piquero A. R. (Forthcoming) "Predicting the Length of Jury Deliberations" Journal of Crime and Justice.

Piquero, A. R., Cardwell S. M., Piquero, N. L., Jennings W. G., & Reingle-Gonzalez J. M. (Forthcoming) "How well do the Adolescent Risk Factors Predict Re-arrest Frequency across Race/Ethnicity among Serious Adolescent Offenders" *Journal of Crime and Justice*, Special Issue: Contemporary Issues of Race/Ethnicity, Offending Behavior, and Justice Responses.

Piquero, A. R., & Piquero, N. L. (2016, release date) "White-Collar Criminal Participation and the Life Course" in S.R. Van Slyke, M.L. Benson, and F.T. Cullen (Eds.), The Oxford Handbook of White-Collar Crime. New York: Oxford University Press.

Furthermore, **Dr. Nicole Piquero** has become the 1st Vice President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences a premier professional and scholarly society in the Criminal Justice field.

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Upcoming Events

- Division of International Criminology Student Paper Competition 2016
 - Submit papers on international or comparative criminology or criminal justice by June 1st, 2016 to Dr. Angela Zhuo at zhouy@stjohns.edu
- ♦ Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper Competitions
 - For more information please contact Dr. Nadine Connell at nmc110030@utdallas.edu
- ◆ Department Colloquium: Pre-ASC Presentations
 - TBA
- Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Regional Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
 - October 13-15, 2016
- American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
 - November 16-19, 2016.

