Welcome to the first Criminology Program newsletter of the year. A special welcome to all of our new undergraduate and graduate students. There have been many changes this year, including faculty who have been promoted to administrative positions. Dr. Nicole Piquero has moved into the Provost’s Office as Associate Provost of Academic Programs and Planning, Dr. Alex Piquero has taken on the position of Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, Dr. Worrall is now the Director of the Justice Administration and Leadership Program (JAL) and I have assumed the role of Program Head. We also welcome , Dr. Galia Cohen, who is the Associate Director of the JAL Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize many of our graduate students who have provided tremendous support to the program through their research presentations at conferences, journal publications, their assistance on research grants, as well as their assistance in the undergraduate program. And to our undergraduate students, who have supported the program through their participation in Alpha Phi Sigma, serving on various student government and advisory positions, and presenting research at conferences. We look forward to continuing to promote and engage students in research, teaching and service to the program, the University, and the community.

Recently, members of Alpha Phi Sigma participated in the Guns & Hoses event which raises money for the children of fallen firefighters and police officers in the Northern District of Texas. We appreciate our undergraduate students who volunteered their Saturday to support a great cause.

Bola Fenny, a PhD student, traveled to Washington DC this summer for a 12 week internship in the Office of Federal Relations sponsored by the Archer Graduate Program in Public Policy. She was tasked with researching laws that impact, or could potentially impact, the universities in the UT System. We thank her for representing our program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the Criminology Program. For questions about the graduate program and PhD advising, please contact Dr. Worrall. 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
Nicole Leeper Piquero is Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Program Review and Professor of Criminology in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. Known to most around the criminology department as “Nicky,” she served as Graduate Coordinator in the Program in Criminology in 2011, and as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences between November 2012 and June 2015.

Prior to arriving at UT-Dallas, she was on the faculties of Florida State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/City University of New York, University of Florida, and Northeastern University. While living in Tallahassee, Dr. Piquero discovered her love for running marathons. Enlisting the help of a personal trainer in order to keep up with a healthy lifestyle, she ended up running 10 miles on a treadmill one day, because she did not want to miss the ending of the football game she was watching as she ran. Realizing this, her trainer encouraged her to keep up and train for marathons. Running her first half-marathon later that year, Dr. Piquero continues to run on a regular basis. This year, she has signed up for numerous Disney marathons. Her most recent on was the Dopey marathon, which led to her decorating her cell phone and part of her office with products modeled after the dwarf from Snow White. Her next planned marathon is themed after Marvel’s Avengers, where she plans to wear a running suit and arm bands that mimic Captain America’s costume. Running is “her time” to herself, and her break from the stress of work. According to her, “I run. I work. I eat. That’s my life.” She quickly adds, “You probably should throw Alex in there, too. He’s kind of important,” referring to her high school sweetheart and fellow criminologist husband, who also holds administrative and teaching positions at UTD.

Although she states that each place they have lived has had something unique about, her favorite thus far remains New York City, because “it’s New York City; it’s the epicenter of the world.” Regardless, what sticks out about Dallas to her is the commitment of the running community, and their dedication to running despite the summer heat. After marathons, she likes to reward herself by going out for turkey or chicken burgers and fries with her husband. Her favorite place to do so is Hopdoddy’s. Her other indulgence is treating herself to topping-loaded frozen yogurt on days she runs 13 miles or more. Despite her busy schedule, she insists that she makes time for everything she enjoys, waking up at 5:30 a.m. to go to the gym.

Inspired by her graduate mentor Sally Simpson, Dr. Piquero entered the field of white collar criminological research, and has been “hooked” ever since. Her interests lie in understanding whether crime theories and policies can explain offending in special groups, and in understanding why advantaged people break the law. She has published 69 peer-reviewed articles in the areas of corporate/white-collar crime, gender and crime, and criminological theory in leading journals as well as several book chapters. Several articles in the Journal of Criminal Justice Education have identified her as among the leading female criminologists in terms of publications and citations in highly select articles. In addition to her editorship of the Journal of Drug Issues (2009-2012), she serves on many other editorial boards in criminology/criminal justice. Her research and teaching record are marked by several awards, including the University of Texas at Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences Outstanding Teaching Comet Award, the University of Florida’s College of Arts & Sciences Teacher of the Year Award (2005-6), and the National White Collar Crime Center’s Young Career Award (2008) and Outstanding Publication Award (2011). She has been involved in numerous departmental and university committees over the course of her career. Dr. Piquero has also served in a number of different capacities in both the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. For the Academy, she has been a member of its Executive Board as well as Co-Chair of its 2014 conference and in 2015 she was elected 2nd Vice President and will assume its Presidency in 2017.
Courtney Hart

Courtney is originally from Poteau, Oklahoma and moved to Dallas in June 2012. She began at UT Dallas as a Criminology major in 2013, and expects to graduate in 2016. She currently works Loss Prevention for Wal-Mart. During her five years of employment, she has saved the company over $38,000 through shrink management.

Recently, Courtney travelled to Costa Rica with the UT Dallas Education Abroad program, studying Environmental Stability and Ecotourism. She was partly responsible for building a bio-digester for the community in order provide clean water and methane using human and animal waste.

Additionally, she partook in a personal side project and interviewed two Costa Rican police officers about the local crime trends, use of force within their agency, and many other topics. She then presented her findings about crime in Costa Rica to her classmates, professor, and the UTD Education Abroad administrators.

In general, she concluded that crime rates are very low, and the most common crime is pickpocketing. There are few violent crimes, but when they occur, they are very publicized by the media, similar to what we experience in the United States. Ecological crimes are high, in the form of poaching and capturing exotic animals. As far as the black market and sex trafficking goes, these are crimes largely committed by foreigners, who visit the country with specific intentions.

The drug trade is very insignificant in Costa Rica compared to neighboring countries.

While conducting the interview, the U.S. was experiencing a large amount of police use of force against criminal/citizens, and Courtney inquired of her two interviewees their thoughts about wrongful death. They seemed surprised and stated that the officers are always held accountable for those types of incidents, but that it was very rare that citizens defied police officers.

Courtney hopes to join the Dallas County Jail as a Detention Service Officer soon and plan to apply to be an Arlington Police Officer upon graduation.
Dr. Jon Caudill holds the rank of Associate Professor as a faculty member in the Political Science Department at California State University, Chico. In addition to his appointment, Dr. Caudill also serves as the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator, as Director of the Consortium for Public Safety Research, and on numerous committees both on-campus and in the broader community. He received his undergraduate and Master’s degree from the Criminal Justice College at Sam Houston State University (2002 and 2004) and graduated with a Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2010.

Since arriving at Chico State in the fall of 2010, Dr. Caudill has taken deliberate steps engaging the local and state criminal justice communities through service and applied research. One such multiyear, mixed-methods project served as the rationale for creating the Consortium for Public Safety Research and involved several faculty members and both graduate and undergraduate students. In 2011, California passed the Criminal Justice Realignment legislation shifting correctional supervision jurisdiction over low-level felony offenders from state prison to county criminal justice agencies. This decentralization of correctional responsibilities increased the number of correctional clients supervised at the local level and placed more criminally sophisticated offenders under local supervision (in the “county prison” — also known as, county jail — for instance). This increase in the number of offenders and the complexity of criminal histories of these offenders produced several ripple effects; including increased crime, the expansion of local criminal justice agencies, and an increase in jail violence. To better understand the granular impact of this legislative shift on local agencies, Dr. Caudill (along with several colleagues) developed a data collection protocol that included review of official records, interviewing criminal justice officials/agents and correctional clients, observing the interactions between correctional officers and offenders, and deep ethnography in county politics. The project has produced several peer-reviewed publications, multiple technical reports, several theses, and experiential learning opportunities for approximately 60 undergraduate students. As the data collection and technical reporting portions of this project wind down, Dr. Caudill is developing a book-length manuscript exploring the conceptual components of correctional interruption in an effort to inform sentencing policy.

Dr. Caudill’s interest in sentencing reform is part of his overall research agenda exploring the application of formal social control and the intersection of crime and the criminal justice system. Since 2010, Dr. Caudill has collaborated with other scholars and published approximately 20 peer-reviewed articles. His work has appeared in Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Crime and Delinquency, American Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine, International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Psychology Practice, and Journal of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Caudill’s latest work — a co-authored (with Dr. Chad Trulson at the University of North Texas, Dr. Darin Haerle at California State University, Chico, and Dr. Matt DeLisi at Iowa State University) book with the University of Texas Press — explores Texas’s Determinate Sentencing Act for serious and violent juvenile offenders. Lost Causes: Blended Sentencing, Second Chances, and the Texas Youth Commission is due out during the first quarter of 2016.

In addition to his research interests and regular teaching duties, Dr. Caudill serves the discipline, community, and university in many capacities. As example, Dr. Caudill serves as Associate Editor for Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, as an Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Criminal Justice, as a Vice President for the Association for Criminal Justice Research (California), as a sworn Commissioner for the Butte County Juvenile Justice / Delinquency Prevention Commission, and as a Faculty Mentor at Chico State. Dr. Caudill received the Professional Achievement Award in recognition of his contribution to the University during the 2014-2015 academic year and was nominated by the University President for the California State University System Wang Family Excellence Award.

Dr. Caudill’s time away from work revolves around his family — wife, Jana, and two daughters, Sadie (five years old) and Cassi Rae (two years old) — and their gaggle of domesticated animals.

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“Nobody is bothered about an institution more than its alumni.”

—N. R. Narayana Murthy
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.

CGSA will be organizing their third annual Adopt-a-Family event with the local non-profit organization, Family Compass. They have been able to help provide Christmas for three wonderful families, and look forward to continuing this wonderful service opportunity for years to come!

A successful fundraising event took place at Chipotle in the spring semester. Thank you to all of those that came out and supported this venture! These funds will allow us to contribute to our Adopt-a-Family program as an organization. Additionally, we will now be able 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.

Officers: President and Risk Manager I - Nina Barbieri; Vice-President and Risk Manager II- Haley Zettler; Treasurer- Justine Medrano; Secretary- Stephanie Huberman; Social Coordinator I- Crystal Martinez; Social Coordinator II- Zachary Powell; Community Service Coordinator- Amny Shuraydi

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

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society
Delta Psi Chapter – The University of Texas at Dallas

Alpha Phi Sigma, Delta Psi, is an honors student organization recognizing the accomplishments of high achieving criminology and related majors in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences. The organization has been exceptionally active thus far in the fall semester. Seventeen members gave up a Saturday evening on September 19th to participate in the Guns and Hoses Annual Boxing Tournament to collect funding for the children of fallen firefighters and police officers in the Northern District of Texas. Additionally, Rachel Kail and Jacob Chang volunteered to run a booth for the Freshman Orientation on September 8 and Jacob also attended the Dean’s LLC EPPS Dinner on September 24th. Rachel will be representing the Chapter on October 6th on a UTD Television panel discussion of “The Psychology of Racial Profiling.” Four members of APS are meeting with the External Review Team for Criminology on October 1 and attending the luncheon, and two others have been nominated for the Dean’s Council. A busy fall for all!!

The organization has six officer positions and any member can run for office as vacancies arise. Currently, the Officers are: President – Rachel Kail, Vice President- Alessandra Richter, Secretary – Brent Hanish, Treasurer – Steve Shen, Historian – Jacob Chang, and Public Affairs Officer – Amy Tullos. 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 pick up an application form outside Dr. Polk’s office door at GR 2.408 and make an appointment with him to submit the form.
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Introducing: Dr. Sarah El Sayed and Dr. Jessica M. Craig!
Criminology Spring 2015 Master’s Graduates

- Robert Brown
- Navon Caplan
- Stephen Domin
- Ivonne Garcia
- Julio Gonzalez

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- Dr. Jessica M. Craig
  University of North Texas
- Dr. Sarah El Sayed
  University of Texas at Arlington

“All real education is the architecture of the soul.”
—William Bennett

“A journey to a thousand miles begins with a single step.”
—Lao Tzu

“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
Nina Barbieri is a recipient of the Keith Lankford Taylor Graduate Fellowship for the year 2015.

Michele Meitl recently had a publication accepted for Deviant Behavior, entitled "Exploring Lawyer Misconduct: An Examination of the Self-Regulation Process," along with co-authors Nicole Leeper Piquero, Eve M. Brank, Jennifer L. Woolard, Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, and Alex R. Piquero. She also has a forthcoming article, "Predicting the Length of Jury Deliberations," co-authored with Nicole Leeper Piquero and Alex Piquero, in the Journal of Crime and Justice. She is a recipient of the Keith Lankford Taylor Graduate Fellowship for the year 2015.

Turgut Ozkan currently has three papers under review, as well as a co-authored book chapter that will be published in the Handbook of Crime Prevention and Community Safety. He has also won three doctoral student paper awards.

Zachary Powell recently published an encyclopedia entry on work-release programs, and currently has two papers out for review, on the topic of police organizational behavior.

Arthur Vasquez recently had a qualitative paper accepted to Deviant Behavior, co-authored with Dr. Vieraitis. It is entitled, "It's Just Paint: Street Taggers' Use of Neutralization Techniques," which discusses how street taggers use techniques of neutralization. He is currently working on two other papers. One discusses the use of qualitative methods to gain access with active offenders, and ethical dilemmas and dangers of field work. The other is a qualitative paper co-authored with Dr. Vieraitis, discussing the risk-avoidance techniques of street taggers.

Arthur, Steven Clipper, and Nina Barbieri recently submitted revisions for an article entitled, "Adolescent Gang Membership and Differences in Ethnic Identity, Esteem, and Efficacy."

Valerie Womack recently re-submitted an article for Police Quarterly, titled, "Do Changes in TASER Use Policy Impact Police Officer Injury Rates?" co-authored with Dr. Robert Morris and Dr. Stephen Bishopp, and is working on a submission to Criminal Justice Policy Review, tentatively titled, "A Time Series Analysis of Distracted Driving Crashes in Texas" by Valerie Womack, Dr. Nadine Connell, and Dr. Stephen Bishopp. She is the School of Economic and Political Policy Sciences' Fall 2015 recipient of the Vibhooti Shukla Graduate Fellowship.

Haley Zettler has recently co-authored two articles:


ASC Presenters:

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**Department Achievements & Activity**

**Faculty**

**Dr. Denise Boots** was recently requested to do a podcast for the Dallas Morning News, regarding her research on domestic violence and work on the Dallas Domestic Violence Executive Committee with Councilmember Jennifer Staubach Gates. She has served on the Dallas Domestic Violence General and Executive Committee Taskforce for about 18 months and has met with key partners across Dallas to gather metrics so they could write an inaugural summary report.

The 28-page document was finalized with the assistance of **Dr. Timothy Bray**. Drs. Bray and Boots have been asked to complete an infographic, Power Point, and talking points for Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings for an upcoming event. As part of his ongoing public awareness campaign and outreach to men across the Dallas/Fort Worth area to end domestic violence, they joined the Mayor at his domestic violence awareness event on October 7th at the Omni Hotel in Dallas. At the event, Mayor Rawlings announced the findings from their summary report, and the professors spoke about their findings regarding the implications for victims of domestic violence in DFW. Their research has and continues to contribute to reports by various media outlets.

**Dr. Nadine Connell** has three articles published recently:


**Dr. Alex Piquero** has had over a dozen articles accepted for publication in various journals, including *Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Crime & Justice,* and *Journal of Youth & Adolescence.* His research on crime in the NFL was covered by over 300 media outlets including CNN, the *New York Times,* and the *Huffington Post.* He is the co-recipient of the American Society of Criminology's Division on Developmental and Life Course Criminology Outstanding Contribution Award.

**Dr. Nicole Leeper Piquero** has co-authored multiple publications this year, including journal articles and book chapters:

Piquero, Nicole Leeper, Michele Bisaccia Meitl, Eve M. Brank, Jennifer L. Woolard, Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, and Alex R. Piquero “Exploring Lawyer Misconduct: An Examination of the Self-Regulation Process.” *Deviant Behavior*


Piquero, Nicole Leeper, Alex R. Piquero and David Weisburd “Long-term effects of social and personal capital on offending trajectories in a sample of white-collar offenders.” *Crime and Delinquency.*

Piquero, Alex R., Jeffrey A. Bouffard, Nicole Leeper Piquero, and Jessica Craig “Does Morality Condition the Deterrent Effect of Perceived Certainty Among Convicted Felons” Submitted to *Crime and Delinquency.*


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Upcoming Events

- Department Colloquium: Pre-ASC Presentations
  - November 6

- American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
  - November 18-21, 2015

- Thanksgiving Break

- CGSA Adopt-a-Family

- Comprehensive Exams
  - December 1-2, 2015