



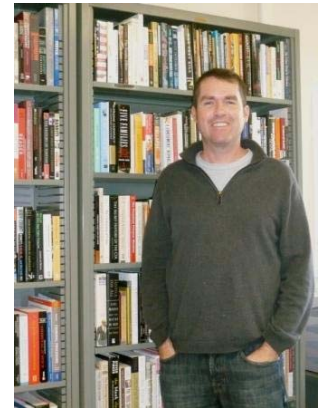
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Department of Criminal Justice Studies (formerly the Program in Criminal Justice) is pleased to be publishing its first alumni newsletter. We hope that this will be distributed to a wide variety of our former alumni, from those who earned a degree under the famous Jack Curtain days, to those who have earned it in more recent years. Among those receiving it should be lawyers, police officers, probation officers, correctional officers, policy makers, graduate students, academics, counselors, corporate workers, federal agency operatives, and those in many other occupations. I have been working in this department since 2002 and consider it the most rewarding job I have had. I have had the pleasure of working with the brightest faculty members who have come from a diverse range of backgrounds and include not only academics and researchers, but also practitioners in the field. Having taught and studied in criminal justice programs at several other universities around the country I can easily say that our student population in criminal justice at San Francisco State University is the most inspiring community of students I have had the honor to teach, advise, collaborate with, and learn from. We have grown rapidly over the

years I have been here, and now have approximately 600 students majoring in our department! We are currently the second largest department (with respect to number of students) in the College of Behavioral Sciences, and we keep on expanding. For example, for this coming Fall 2010 semester, we have more students transferring into our department from junior colleges than any other department in the college. Our department emphasizes collaborating with community stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, nonprofits, other government organizations, private corporations, and more. We are the largest criminal justice program for undergraduates in the Bay Area, and aspire to build even a more thorough network of collaboration, with our students, our faculty, and our community. By sending out this seminal alumni newsletter we hope to establish a new pattern of ensuring that we maintain contact with our former graduates, and build pipelines that will enhance the flow of connections between our current and former students. We would very much appreciate it if you get in touch with us to let us know what you have been doing since you departed San Francisco State University, and also to let us know if there is any way



we—as faculty and students—can assist you in your efforts to build a better justice system. One final thing: as you know, the California budget has resulted in major cuts to the California State University system. Our department, because it has been traditionally underfunded by the university, has suffered major consequences, including making it more challenging to provide our students with the breadth of courses necessary for them to be the best criminal justice practitioners they can be. Although we will weather this storm, if you are in a position to make a small donation to our department such that we can better serve our students, please see the section in this newsletter on “Making a Donation.” To each and every one of you, I am proud that you are an alumnus of our department.

Jeff Snipes, Chair

Spring Event



Howard Jordan, Oakland Assistant Chief of Police.



Dan Vencill, Professor Emeritus of Economics & Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice had its Spring event on April 28. We were fortunate to have as our keynote speaker Howard Jordan, of the Oakland Police Department. Jordan has been with the Oakland P.D. since 1988, serving assignments ranging from patrol to investigations, internal affairs, and administration. He is currently Assistant Chief of the department, and manages daily operations. When Chief Tucker stepped down in February 2009, Chief Jordan saw the Department through tough times when 4 officers were gunned down. Oakland recently hired Anthony Batts as Chief of Police, and he and Jordan are creating a new vision for the Oakland Police Department. Chief Jordan spoke with utmost candor to our students about what it is like serving as a leader for a police department that faces so many challenges. He talked in detail about ways in which the department has been attempting

to innovate and become better partners with the community. At the end of his speech there was a lengthy and valuable question and answer session.

Also at this event the department honored Dan Vencill, Dennis Wong, and Dustin Helmer. Dan Vencill, Professor of Economics and Criminal Justice Studies, retired after a lengthy and inspiring career at SF State. He was one of the original founders of the CJ department and has taught highly acclaimed courses addressing the intersection of economics with crime and law. Students and faculty will miss his presence on campus greatly. Dennis Wong was awarded the department's annual outstanding student award. Dennis graduated with an SFSU GPA of 3.75. After a troubled childhood in which he had several problems with the law he turned his life around, became the first in his family to graduate from college, and dedicat-

ed himself to criminal justice. He is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration at SFSU. Dustin Helmer received special recognition for all the service he provided as head of the Criminal Justice Student Committee. He worked tirelessly in his efforts to pressure the administration to support our department, and he coordinated a number of events for our students.

Finally, for several years now, at our annual event Target Corporation has presented our department with a check which is earmarked toward student needs. This year Target awarded us a much appreciated \$2500. There were a few Target representatives in attendance who offered some inspirational words for our students, including CJ alum, Rosie Josue. As always, we appreciate them taking time out of their day to join us and show our students some of the opportunities available to them.

Special Thanks...



We would like to extend a special thanks to Target for their continued support over the past several years. Since the collaboration between the Department of Criminal Justice and Target was established (thanks to the efforts of Professor Musheno), over a dozen CJ alumni have been hired at the executive level in Target's Assets Protection Division, and at least 4 CJ students have had internships there on

their way to getting permanent positions.

Also, each semester Target provides a field trip to the students in the Policing & Public Policy course, exposing them fully to corporate policing, including both asset protection and investigation. Target brings a dozen of its top investigators and asset protection together to offer the two hour field trip at their Investi-

gative Center for Northern California located in San Bruno.

Continued support from Target has been invaluable to the department, especially during these times of limited funding. It has allowed us to continue providing students with necessary resources for their University education.

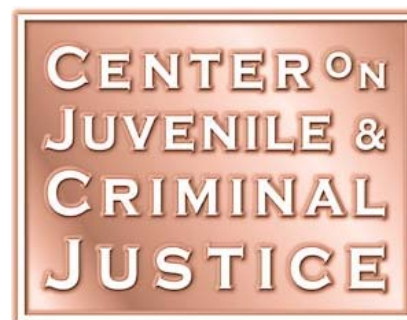
Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ)

The Department of Criminal Justice Studies is pleased to have entered into a partnership with the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ). CJCJ was established in 1985 as the Western Regional Office of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA). CJCJ is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization promoting a balanced and humane criminal justice system through the provision of direct services, public education, technical assistance, and policy analysis. CJCJ maintains a professional staff with diverse backgrounds and expertise that possess over 30 years of experience in the criminal and juvenile justice field that includes program operations, policy development and analysis, technical assistance, nonprofit management, program evaluation, and organization-

al reform. Headquartered in San Francisco, CJCJ is among the leading criminal justice agencies in the nation.

CJCJ's juvenile justice services include the Detention Diversion Advocacy Program, Community Options for Youth, Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team, Placement Diversion Reentry Program, and the Wraparound Program. Their adult direct services include a Sentencing Service Program, participation in the No Violence Alliance Project (NoVA) in San Francisco, and the Supportive Living Program for those exiting prison.

Executive Director, Daniel Macallair, MPA, is widely considered to be one of the leading contributors in the country to youth and adult correctional policy. The Department of Criminal Justice Studies is honored to bestow him with the title **Center on Juvenile and Criminal**



Justice's (CJCJ) Daniel Macallair Practitioner-in-Residence at SF State. We are especially thankful to CJCJ for supporting Mr. Macallair's teaching position in our department. Daniel teaches Juvenile Justice, Intervention Policies in Juvenile Justice, and also developed and teaches California Corrections System at San Francisco State. Learn more about CJCJ at www.cjcj.org.

Making a Donation

If you would like to make a donation to the Department of Criminal Justice Studies, please go to our website (<http://bss.sfsu.edu/cjustice/donate.html>) and follow the link there. Towards the end of the online contribution page, you will see a drop-down menu titled "I Would Like to Support;" please be sure you select

"Department of Criminal Justice" in that list to ensure that the donation comes directly to our department.

You can also send a check to: Office of University Development, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132-4028. Please make checks payable to "SFSU University Corporation" and specify

"Department of Criminal Justice"

Any financial support you are able to offer will make a significant difference in the education of current and future CJ students and in the ability of the faculty and staff to provide necessary services to those students and keep the department running smoothly. Donations are tax deductible.



We Want to Stay in Touch!

Please send us your most current contact information so we can keep you up to date with any important department news and ensure that you get next year's newsletter.

We want to know your: email address, mailing address, phone number, graduation year, occupation (title & company), and any new degrees you

have earned or are working on and at what school. The best way to reach us is at cj@sfsu.edu.

We will also be looking for alumni to feature in next year's Alumni News section, so would love to hear about any exciting achievements or experiences that your time in the CJ Department has helped make possible.

Alumni News



Stephen de la Cruz
2008 CJ Alum

Stephen de la Cruz

After graduation, I entered the UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) as a recipient of the Dean's Fellowship, which, along with need-based financial aid, covered 100% of my tuition. After a semester spent acclimating to the rigors of law school, I began to excel at Boalt, receiving Honors distinction in Constitutional Law and earning "Best Brief" for my work in the Oral & Written Advocacy Section. Additionally, I received a fellowship through the Judicial Internship Opportunity Program, a program sponsored by the American Bar Association. Along with a cash award, the fellowship placed me with Justice Martin Jenkins of the California Court of Appeal last summer where I researched and wrote the opinions on two appeals, one of which was an appeal from a first-degree murder conviction. Now in my second year at Boalt, I earned Honors distinction in Evidence Advocacy, a class wherein the final involves the putting on of a civil trial. I also earned Honors in Advanced Legal Research, for a guide written to aid first-year students in the researching and writing of appellate court opinions during their externships. I am presently in the preliminary stages of collaborating with Associate Dean Robert Berring at Boalt and Edward Jessen, the Official Reporter for the California Courts, to publish this guide on both the internal California Court of Appeal website and that of the Boalt Hall library, which will allow current and prospective judicial externs to gain access to the guide. In my final semester at Boalt this year I will participate in the "UC in DC" externship program, which places students with government agencies in Washington D.C. for a semester. I hope to secure an externship with the United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution through this program, working full-time with the Senate in my final semester.

Rose Josue

Do what inspires you and fulfillment comes naturally. I began at SF state as a psychology major and despite crippling budget cuts making it difficult to further my studies, I was able to double major with the support of the CJ faculty. Studying Criminal Justice allowed me to explore many passions including human rights, examining political institutions from an ethical lens, the tragedies and triumphs of US socio-cultural history and how it has shaped our criminal justice system and communities today. I also made sure to give attention to my other interests such as, advocating for social change through community outreach in my involvement in non-profit organizations and in performing arts. My eclectic but driven personality made it difficult for me to decide what career opportunities I wanted to pursue or study after college, but with the guidance of one of my professors, Michael Musheno, I have landed a thriving career with Target Corporation. I serve as an Executive Team Leader in Assets Protection where through resources in corporate private policing I protect the 62 million dollar assets of a store. With the investigative and role playing skills I have learned from both psychology and performing arts, I investigate fraud and theft cases, while utilizing what I studied in Criminal Justice to close cases with law enforcement. It is a progressive company that embraces new ideas and promotes leadership development in a community like environment. What started off as a simple meet and greet at one of the Target Investigation Centers for a field trip, became the beginning of a summer Executive Internship that evolved into a new position where I have already been given promising opportunities for career growth. One of the most important things I have learned in this journey was to not be afraid to ask for help from my

professors because if I didn't make the effort to seek out answers and support I would have never found the direction that has led me to where I am today. Where I am now feels, as I had recently described it to my professor, "adulthood puberty". It has been so many changes at one time, graduating college, starting an internship, being job offered by a company, moving into my own place and also recently being hand picked to be flown to meet Target's regional executives. I'm getting used to the awkward growth spurt.

Kenny Loui

I earned my BA in Criminal Justice and Political Science in 2005. I then entered the Political Science MA Program at SFSU and was selected to participate in the FBI's Honors Internship Program in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2006. My internship with the FBI was extended and I was transferred to the Bureau's Legal Attaché Office in the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, making me the first and only intern assigned to an FBI "Legat" Office overseas upon completion of the Honors Internship Program. While working and studying in Japan, I also conducted research projects on human trafficking in Asia and the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department's community policing programs. After completing the MA in Political Science in 2008, I accepted a Fulbright Grant to Korea, where I served as an English Teaching Assistant at a high school in Pohang and a Public Affairs intern at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Drawing upon the knowledge I gained during my studies in Criminal Justice at SFSU (my primary areas of interest were community policing and juvenile justice) and my experience of teaching in a Korean high school and volunteering in an elementary school in San Francisco a few years before, I wrote an opinion piece for *The Korea Times* discussing moral education as a mode of crime prevention.

Faculty Updates

Elizabeth Brown, Assistant Professor

Dr. Elizabeth Brown is currently working on a book-length manuscript that chronicles the development of the Seattle Juvenile Court and the transition from social welfare to social control in the juvenile justice system. She received a CSU Presidential Award for one semester to work on the development of this manuscript. In addition, she is currently working on two research projects - one in conjunction with Dr. Amy Smith (Psychology) and the Youth Justice Institute on the life histories of 100 girls who have been processed in the San Francisco Juvenile Courts and a second in collaboration with Dr. Michael Musheno on the experiences of urban university students from hyper-policed urban neighborhoods. Dr. Brown also has a forthcoming publication in the *Law and Society Review* on the "model city" program in Seattle, and is currently in the process of developing an article on trying youths as adults for a special issue on the diverse contexts of childhood for *Children's Geographies*.

Alex Gerould, Lecturer

Alex Gerould currently teaches classes in criminal profiling, criminological theory, criminal justice ethics, and police and public policy. Alex has also offered classes in criminal law and procedure, as well as legal research and writing and organized crime. He is coauthor of *Vold's Theoretical Criminology*, 6th edition, published in 2010 on Oxford University Press. Involved in the study of incarceration, Alex has volunteered in the youth mentoring program at San Francisco's Juvenile Hall, and has taken students to San Quentin Prison to discuss legal issues with inmates serving life sentences. Alex also teaches in the Departments of Sociology and History and is currently working on an interdisciplinary study of the history of crime and punishment.

Michael Musheno, Professor

The paperback edition of Michael Musheno's 9th book, *Deployed: How Reservists Bear the Burdens of Iraq*, co-authored with Susan Ross, was published in the spring of 2009. When not on campus, he was doing readings at bookstores and giving talks at universities related to the release of the paperback. In addition to these events,

he gave the Keynote 9/11 Address at John Jay College of the City University of New York in remembrance of the over 200 former students of the College who were killed as a result of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Also, he traveled internationally to give talks, including a talk at Melbourne University Law School in Australia on "Bringing Story-Based Research to Legal Studies." He gave a workshop on this topic at UC Berkeley Law School as well. He is currently working on his 10th book, tentatively titled "Makin' It Work: Youth Conflict and Control in a Multi-ethnic High School", co-authored with Calvin Morrill of UC Berkeley and under contract with the University of Chicago Press. Beginning in September of 2010, Michael will be on a one-year leave from SFSU to serve as director of the Legal Studies Program at UC Berkeley Law School, the first undergraduate degree program in the area of law, crime and justice. He continues to commute between his homes in Berkeley, California and Tempe, Arizona.

Lizbet Simmons, Assistant Professor

Lizbet Simmons has just returned to teaching on campus after receiving the SFSU Presidential Award, which supported a year of book research and writing in New Orleans. Her book is entitled *Public Schooling and Punishment: Punitive culture, school failure, and the path to prison*, and in it she examines the coordination of educational and correctional institutions and their role in extending the social, economic, and political disenfranchisement of minority youth in urban America. Using ethnographic methods, which she also teaches in her Research Methods course in the Criminal Justice Studies Department, she charts the institutional processes that spur the movement of minority students, particularly African American males, away from school and toward prison. Professor Simmons began her data collection on the link between education and incarceration in New Orleans in 2002, and the research therefore spans pre- and post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans. The work contributes to a structural understanding of minority school failure, crime, incarceration, and prison expansion in the "tough on crime" era. This research has been published in *Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts*, *The Urban Review*, and in an edited volume entitled, *Schools under Surveillance* by Rutgers University

Press. While in New Orleans, Professor Simmons also interviewed the photographer Deborah Luster, who is known for her haunting sepia tone images of Louisiana prison inmates. The interview was published in 2010 in *Prison/Culture* from City Lights Books. This book builds on the 2007 SFSU Prison Culture symposium for which Professor Simmons was the co-principal investigator. Academics, students, activists, artists, and community leaders gathered at this day-long campus event to present work in multiple media on the phenomenon of mass incarceration in the United States. Reproduced in the book are art works from a coordinated exhibition in the SFSU Fine Arts Gallery and essays by numerous scholars, including Angela Y. Davis, who served as the keynote speaker for the event.

Jeff Snipes, Chair & Associate Professor

Jeff has worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, Florida State and Seattle Universities, the Vera Institute of Justice in Manhattan, and a law firm. He holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Albany and a law degree from Stanford. For the past five years he has worked with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, both in internal reform and crime prevention capacities, and has authored reports on topics including police integrity, forensics analysis, crime analysis, and criminal histories of homicide victims. Recently he has published some of his work on violence in Trinidad and Tobago in the *Caribbean Journal of Criminology and Public Safety*. Additionally, for the past five years he has worked undercover on a major operation combatting the trafficking of minors for sex in an area of Southeast Asia. This project reduced the availability of trafficking victims (minors) by 80% in the region served. He is commencing work on a collaborative book on this project with some of the other field agents on the project. He has recently coauthored *Vold's Theoretical Criminology* (Oxford University Press, 2010), which is the third edition of this text he has worked on over the past twelve years. Jeff's most frequently taught courses are Criminal Law, Research Methods, and the Culminating Field Experience.

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Positioned within a rich urban atmosphere, the multidisciplinary Department of Criminal Justice Studies explores the connections between law, crime and justice. The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking about criminal justice systems, the administration of justice, legal studies, and the political economy. It includes a culminating field experience for majors and minors. The program is intended for a diversity of students whose interests range from the local to the global, from street crime to terrorism, from municipal policing to international courts.

Participating faculty represent a network of academic cooperation and bring a range of disciplines, professions and fields of study to bear on Criminal Justice, including Sociology, Psychology, Law, Political Science, Ethnic Studies, Economics, History, Philosophy, and International Relations. A network of criminal justice agencies and personnel in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area serves as a powerful asset for students.

The department is designed to facilitate communication across disciplines and between those within and without the criminal justice system. The faculty have extensive legal, scholarly, and practical experience in the field. Field study arrangements have been made with local criminal justice agencies. The minor can be taken in conjunction with any major but students majoring in closely related disciplines may use some courses for both the major and minor. An active Criminal Justice Student Relations Committee plans and implements community service activities, has a guest lecture program featuring criminal justice professionals, and creates a sense of community on campus.



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