

# Criminal Justice, Sociology, and Criminology Newsletter

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the University of Scranton's Sociology, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department! We are very glad that you are considering the University of Scranton as a possible choice to continue your education. While you are in this very important process, we would like to tell you a little about the current accomplishments of those affiliated with our Department. Before we do that, we would like to share what we believe distinguishes us from other programs.

- We are a Catholic and Jesuit University based on a 450 year-old intellectual tradition that strives for excellence and cares for each and every student.

- Our major allows students to earn a minor or to double major,



- We have developed collaborations with Chemistry Dept. (Forensic Chemistry track), Business (Forensic Accounting track), Business (5yr BS/MS program), Counseling (MS program in Rehabilitation counseling with a concentration in criminal

justice counseling),

- Our faculty are nationally and internationally known in their fields and have worked in the criminal justice profession,
- Our student-led Criminal Justice Club brings speakers to campus, and runs off-campus trips, conferences, etc.

We hope your brief stay on campus is a positive experience. If I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact me at

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Yours in Justice,  
Harry R. Dammer, Ph.D,  
Professor and Chair

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### Criminal Justice

A degree in criminal justice at the University of Scranton can prepare you for a career in federal, state, and local law enforcement, community and institutional corrections or for advanced study in law, criminology, and public administration.

### Sociology

Sociology majors also have a strong background in writing, critical thinking, theory, and research.

These skills, along with the understanding of the nuances of human interaction, are essential to a number of different occupations in areas such as: research, administration, public health, human services, business, counseling, corrections, law, politics, and public relations.

## Student Awarded Fulbright to Finland

Olivia Salama, a senior Political Science/Philosophy major and Criminal Justice minor, earned a Fulbright to Finland. She recently completed an honors tutorial under the direction of Scranton Soc/CJ Professor David Friedrichs, with a focus on white collar crime and its investigation, her Fulbright proposal topic. She will be going to the University of Turku to work with Professor Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi there. Professor Alvesalo-Kuusi and Professor Friedrichs have long-standing ties, and in June, 2013, Professor Alvesalo-Kuusi arranged for Professor Friedrichs to address 200 Finnish Economic Crime Investigators on their Annual Educational Cruise from Helsinki to Stockholm and back. Olivia is to be warmly congratulated for her outstanding academic record and her initiative in obtaining this Fulbright.

## VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW

Our own Professor David Friedrichs is on sabbatical for Spring 2014 and is serving as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in Perth. He is presenting his research on *White Collar Crime* at Flinders University, Adelaide; Griffith University, Brisbane; the School of Law in Belgrade, Serbia; and at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He will also make trips to Rangoon, Burma; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Saigon, Vietnam; and Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

RECENT  
INTERNSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES

- U.S. Marshals
- DEA
- Retreat (PA State Prison)
- Scranton City Police
- Bergen County Sheriff's Department
- U.S. Secret Service
- Office of Local Judges
- County Probation (Juvenile and Adult)
- Numerous Law Firms
- FBI Summer Program

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Department faculty building a home in Nicaragua

**SECRET SERVICE INTERNSHIP**

I had the privilege and honor of interning with the United States Secret Service during the Fall semester of 2013. I never imagined that a city boy like myself from a small Jesuit Institution would be blessed with a once in a lifetime opportunity like this! How'd I do it? Honestly it wasn't all that complicated. I simply reached out to a recruiter and after a few exchanges I had the extremely lengthy/detailed application open on my computer screen. A few months later I found myself working side by side Secret Service agents. Wow! What a dream come true! The USSS prides itself on providing

its interns with a unique and diverse educational opportunity unlike any other.

During my time as an intern, I had the privilege of working with several of the squads that constitute the USSS team. In addition to awesome assignments, the USSS also provides its interns with opportunities to attend presidential events and to meet former presidents. As an intern I had the privilege of personally meeting President Jimmy Carter! I never thought I would see a president of the USA in person, let alone shake his hand and pose for a picture with him!

As I reflect on this internship, I

can't help but thank all of those who made this possible. I must give a special thank you to Dr. Roberts, Dr. Dammer, Attorney Cimini (all professors in the Criminal Justice Department), Dr. LaZella (professor in the Philosophy Department), and my friends/family for their constant support and guidance. To learn more about internship opportunities, visit [secretservice.gov](http://secretservice.gov) and [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Definitely apply and never ever doubt yourself! If you believe you can make it happen!

God bless, Anthony Pascual

**STUDYING NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE IN BALTIMORE**

Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich is currently on a research sabbatical, working on a year-long ethnographic project in Baltimore. With her research partner, Dr. William Tsitsos of Towson University, she is spending time in the center city neighborhood of *Station North* doing interviews with people directly involved in or affected by revitalization efforts in the area. The neighborhood is state designated as an "Arts and Entertainment District," and is the home of many independent theaters, bars, cafes, galleries, artist live/work spaces, and the internationally recognized *Open Walls* mural project.

Dr. Rich and Dr. Tsitsos find that while many people involved in the revitalization of the neighborhood have "good intentions" and do not wish to displace poor and working class residents (including artists), they are also resigned to the possibility that their revitalization activities may be the main cause of this displacement. Interviewees argue that gentrification is a negative outcome of neighborhood revitalization, which can be avoided through "thoughtful development." Many, including property and business owners, seek to maintain the neighborhood's diversity and affordability. How-

ever, the researchers question whether this is possible as more university-led and larger business development occurs within the confines of the neighborhood, pushing social problems (crime and poverty) and bohemian spaces alike outside its borders. While *creative placemaking* revitalization strategies promote inclusivity and social justice, the need for a strong economic base inevitably leads to more "top down" development. This study has wider implications for the urban revitalization policies employed in similar postindustrial cities globally.

**Recent Faculty Achievements**

- John Conlon, retired Head of Probation and Parole in Lackawanna County and 25-year adjunct professor with the University, received the 2014 Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award.
- Dr. Michael Jenkins received a grant to study police unions and policing innovation.
- Dr. Harry Dammer and Dr. Michael Jenkins gave the keynote address to the Lackawanna County Prisoner Re-entry Symposium in April.
- Dr. James Roberts, Dr. Michael Jenkins, and Prof. Justine Johnson, joined 7 other University faculty and staff on a service trip to Nicaragua over spring break.
- Dr. Dammer, Dr. Roberts, Dr. Jenkins, and Prof. Conlon all contributed chapters to Dr. Dammer's book (co-edited with Dr. Mary Brewster), *Pennsylvania's Criminal Justice System*.