

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIOLOGY, AND CRIMINOLOGY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

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Welcome to the University of Scranton and our Sociology, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department! We are very glad that you are considering the University of Scranton and our Department 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. Hence this brief newsletter. Please consider what we believe distinguishes us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs.

- We provide outstanding internship opportunities; we have revised our majors to encourage students to choose a minor or double major,
- We have developed collaborations with the Chemistry Dept. (Forensic Chemistry track), Business (Forensic Accounting track), Business (5yr BS/MS program), and Counseling (MS program in Rehabilitation counseling with a concentration in criminal justice counseling),
- We have faculty that are nationally and internationally known in their fields and with experience in the criminal justice profession. We have an active Criminal Justice Student Club i.e., brings speakers to campus, off-campus trips, conferences, etc.
- In February 2016 we earned the distinction of being one of the nine criminal justice undergraduate programs in the United States to obtain certification from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- We are a Catholic and Jesuit University that is based on a 450 year-old intellectual tradition that strives for excellence and cares for each and every student,

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 harry.dammer@scranton.edu.

Yours in Justice,

Harry R. Dammer, Ph.D, Professor and Chair

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.

Visit our website below:
<http://www.scranton.edu/academics/cas/soc-cj/index.shtml>

SCRANTON'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATION

The University of Scranton joins just nine other colleges in the nation with a criminal justice program certified by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The University's criminal justice bachelor's degree program received notice of certification by the Academy in February.

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) certification is designed to evaluate evidence-based compliance that meets or exceeds all academic standards set by the ACJS executive board for associate's, bachelor's and master's level criminal justice programs. The certification is based on outcome assessment of evidence of a program's quality and effectiveness. ACJS academic certification standards assess the program's mission, structure and curriculum, faculty, admissions, student services, integrity, quality and effectiveness, and outcomes for graduates leading to employment or graduate study, among other factors.

"This achievement developed over a period of years due to our dedicated faculty, past and present, as well an administration who has supported our numerous departmental initiatives," said Harry Dammer, Ph.D., University professor and chair, who orchestrated the certification process for the program. The ACJS is an international association with more than 2,800 members that fosters professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justices. Members represent every state and multiple countries including nearly every institution of higher learning with a criminal justice/criminology program. The association promotes criminal justice education, research and policy analysis for both educators and practitioners.



Criminal Justice Prof. Joseph F. Cimini, J.D. Retired

Criminal Justice Professor Joseph F. Cimini, J.D., retired from the University at the end of the 2015 fall semester, after more than 35 years of service, including a tenure as chair of the department. A 1970 graduate of the University of Scranton, Attorney Cimini earned his J.D. from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America. He has taught in the Sociology/Criminal Justice Department at the University since 1980. One of his greatest strengths is his ability to recall names, backgrounds, and professions of the hundreds of students he has taught.

During his last class at the University of Scranton, students in Professor Cimini's Criminal Justice Process course gathered for a photo.

NEW APPLIED SOCIOLOGY MINOR

We are happy to introduce the creation of a new Applied Sociology Minor. Applied sociology refers to when practitioners use sociological theories and methods outside of a university setting in order to answer research questions or problems for specific clientele or to promote social change.

Applied sociology is useful in obtaining accurate statistics documenting a social problem, designing programs to address social issues, and for program/policy evaluation. Furthermore, the job growth rate for sociologists, included applied sociologists, is expected to be higher than the average job growth rate.

Students interested in an applied sociology minor, as opposed to a general sociology minor, will need to focus their attention on understanding social organizations and conducting community-based learning projects.

For questions about the Applied Sociology Minor, please see Dr. Loreen Wolfer or Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich in the Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice & Criminology.

For more information about our department, faculty, majors, and minors, visit our website:

SOCIOLOGY ALUMNI STUDY

Dr. Loreen Wolfer and Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich recently administered a survey to our Sociology Alumni to assess our program's effectiveness in Alumni outcomes and satisfaction.

Some of the findings are below:

- Within one year after graduation, of those who were not in graduate school, 90% of them are employed full time.
- More than three quarters (77.78 %) feel that the sociological knowledge they learned is at least "somewhat" relevant to their current job.
- Our majors enter a variety of positions including social services, non-profit work, public service, law, and law enforcement.

RECENT FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Prof. David Friedrichs recently published an article on crimes of states in an Australian criminological journal.

Prof. David Friedrichs gave the keynote opening address to the International Conference of the South Asian Society for Criminology and Victimology, Goa, India, January 28.

Dr. Michael Jenkins presented at the Howard League's Justice and Penal Reform Conference at Oxford University in March 2016. His paper, co-authored with Dr. Dammer and a student, presented the findings from a study of local jail inmates.

Dr. Michael Jenkins received a Fulbright Award to study police use of force. He will be studying with colleagues from University College London and the London Metropolitan Police Force in Spring 2017.

The following students were inducted into *Alpha Phi Sigma*, the National CJ Honor Society:

Laura Hopkins
Dylan H. Lang
Daniel P. Lyle
Nicholas J. Philbin
Samantha R. Avignone
Diana E. Barany
Noelle Marie Brando
Brian W. Burns
Timothy P. DiVietri
Angela Kelley
Kristen Ann Kispert
Amanda T. Palardy
Amanda Nicole Savoca
Leeza N. Tirado

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
- J.P. Morgan

WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- FBI—Counterterrorism
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Private security analysts
- Local & state police and corrections departments
- Federal corrections
- Public defenders office
- Private defense attorneys