

# SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 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 news-letter. 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 University's Chemistry Department (Forensic Chemistry track), and Business School (Forensic Accounting track), and Business 5yr BS/MS program.
- Nationally and internationally known faculty with experience in the criminal justice profession.
- We have an active Criminal Justice Student Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, and engages in community service.
- We are one of only nine criminal justice undergraduate programs in the United States to obtain certification from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- Our Center for the Analysis & Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) combines faculty expertise, practitioner insight, and student learning to enhance the technological and analytical capabilities of students, police officers, and other criminal justice agencies in the regional community.
- 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 [james.roberts@scranton.edu](mailto:james.roberts@scranton.edu).

Yours in Justice,  
James Roberts, 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

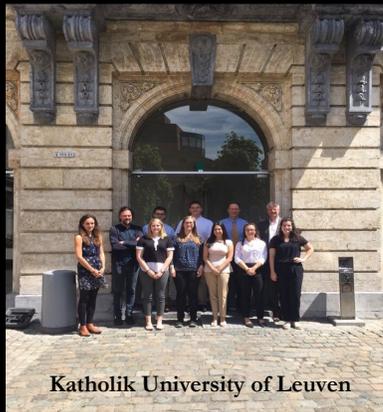
Sociology majors also have a strong background in writing, critical thinking, theory, and research.

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>

## NEW OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

**Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich** has been selected to serve as the University's Faculty Coordinator of the new Office of Community-Based Learning. In this role she will support faculty who implement community-based projects in their courses, curriculum, and research. Community-Based Learning (CBL) is an academic experience that involves students working with individuals, groups, or organizations in ways structured to meet community-defined needs. In keeping with the Jesuit, Catholic mission of the University, CBL incorporates a global perspective and understanding through integration of theory with practice, direct engagement with community members, and personal and critical academic reflection. CBL prepares students to understand common challenges facing humanity, identify systemic problems, and develop a commitment to their communities, especially "people who live and work in poverty, illness, inequality, hopelessness, and other social disparities." Dr. Rich views serving as the Faculty Coordinator of the Office of CBL as an opportunity to actively strengthen student and faculty engagement with communities, reflecting the goals of the University's Strategic Plan—Engaged, Integrated, and Global.



Katholik University of Leuven



Visiting the North Sea

Dr. Harry Dammer, along with his students, traveled to Europe for a Special Topic course called “*International Justice*”. The goal for this course was to see firsthand how international justice agencies operate and to learn how law and criminal justice is practiced in Civil law/Continental law countries. Students visited a Criminology Institute in Leuven, Belgium where they learned about international justice and visited a number of justice agencies in the Netherlands including: International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice, International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, Interpol and visited Amsterdam.

ALUMNI NOTES



Alexandra Petrullo `17

I am participating in a year-long internship program at the Manhattan Institute for graduate students who wish to pursue careers in policy research. My work includes providing research assistance for the Education Policy and Mental Illness Policy departments. I am using the skills I learned in research methods and statistics to analyze data and conduct literature reviews. I am excited to be applying the concepts I studied as a sociology major at the University of Scranton to New York City’s urban issues.

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

- Gloria Lynn LaBarca
- Brittany Lauren Ruch
- Paul Matthew Vervlied

The following student was inducted into *Alpha Kappa Delta*, the International Sociology Honor Society:

- Ashley Becker

RECENT FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Harry Dammer**, after 15 years of service to our department, is now serving as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and continues to teach required courses.

**Professor David Friedrichs** presented a paper on global legitimation issues at the Crime & Justice in Asia and the Global South Conference in Cairns, Australia, in July, 2017. He has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Criminology* and has served on the New Editor Selection Committee for *Critical Criminology*.

**Dr. Michael Jenkins** and student co-authors Kyle Conklin and John Sember published two book chapters in *The Use and Abuse of Police Power*. Another student co-author, Dana Raciti, and Dr. Harry Dammer published with Dr. Jenkins an article in American Correctional Association's *Corrections Today*. Dr. Jenkins also presented a talk on reforming criminal justice at the University's Schemel Forum event honoring the US Constitution.

**Drs. Ismail Onat, Loreen Wolfer, & Michael Jenkins** presented on creating and using evidence-based practices, to a group of 25 criminal justice and social service representatives.

**Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich** was elected Chair of the Community Research and Development Division of the *Society for Study of Social Problems*, a national activist-oriented professional association for sociologists. Her scholarly works on education, culture, and neighborhood gentrification were published in the *International Journal of Culture Policy* and *Education and Urban Society*. Dr. Ashlin Rich was an invited speaker at the *City Futures and Urban Imaginaries* workshop in Portland, OR and presented her research on gentrification at the *Society for the Study of Social Problems* and the *Urban Affairs Association*.

Internship Opportunities

- U.S. Marshals
- DEA
- Retreat (PA State Prison)
- Scranton City Police
- Bergen County Sheriff's Dept.
- 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