

SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT



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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our Department and to our programs in Criminal Justice, Cybercrime and Homeland Security, and Sociology!

We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments as you consider the University as your academic home for the next few years. But first, we would like to offer a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs:

- A flexible curriculum that allows students to take advantage of multiple outstanding internship opportunities for credit and encourages them to complete a minor or double major;
- Collaborations with the University's Chemistry Department (Forensic Chemistry major) and Business School (Forensic Accounting track and Business 5yr BS/MS program);
- Nationally and internationally known faculty with experience in the field;
- An active Criminal Justice Student Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, and engages in community service;
- 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) and the Cybersecurity and Forensics Lab give students the chance to work with faculty and practitioners on research and skills that are pertinent to their future professional fields.
- 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.

I hope you'll enjoy this newsletter. If I can be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me at michael.jenkins@scranton.edu.

Yours in Justice,
Michael Jenkins, Ph.D, 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.

Cybercrime & Homeland Security

Cybercrime is a serious threat to organizations around the world and the cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing everyday. Our program in Cybercrime and Homeland Security is designed to prepare you to meet the growing demand for evaluating and managing complex cybersecurity incidents and threats.

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

Community Based Learning

Dr. Loreen Wolfer's Research Methods and Statistics for the Social Sciences Fall 2020 semester is learning about research and statistics this Fall while helping a local agency with some important program evaluation. Specifically, the class is working with Outreach – Center for Community Resources in Scranton to help them evaluate prisoner's satisfaction and views of the programs that they offer to prisoners currently within Lackawanna County Prison. As such, students have critiqued the Center's current survey, entered the resulting data, analyzed that data and are contributing to a report that Dr. Wolfer will present to Outreach to aid them in the design of future programming as well as possible grant applications. Through actions like this, the students get to learn about class material in a real world application and a local agency obtains program analysis while being able to direct their attention where it is needed most, helping their clients.



My name is Fatima Torres and I am a Scranton native and currently a Junior at the University majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Psychology. Last September, I had the opportunity to become part of a group of student research assistants for Dr. Onat. The Vera Institute of Justice provided the University's Center for the Analysis and Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) with a grant that enabled us to conduct an 8 month-long-project evaluating the incarceration trends in the Lackawanna County Prison, paying special attention to the racial disparity in the prison. As a CJ student at the University, a resident of Scranton, and a volunteer at the prison, I had a vested interest in researching our prison population. When I first requested to be a part of the group, I was only a sophomore with very little experience in conducting research, but Dr. Onat saw in me the willingness to learn and he, fortunately, allowed me to participate.

Alumni Spotlight



My name is Liz Scott and I graduated from the University of Scranton in 2018 with a B.S in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. During my sophomore year at the University of Scranton, I was introduced to the field of Crime Analysis. Once I learned what Crime Analysis is and how helpful it can be for law enforcement, I knew I found my passion. With the guidance and support from professors in the Criminal Justice Department, I was able to build the skills and knowledge needed in order to pursue a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. My dream was to become a Crime Analyst for a city department, and I am happy to say that I reached that goal.

I am currently a Crime Analyst for Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. As a crime analyst, I identify patterns and trends in crime that occur every day. I am responsible for knowing when, where, and how crime is occurring. My specialty is hot spot policing, therefore I help Commanders, Captains, and other law enforcement personnel create crime plans to reduce crime in the city. I do this by creating hot spot maps, crime reports, and recommendations on how to stop emerging patterns in violent crimes. I love my job and believe that my work helps the people who live and visit Washington D.C stay safe.

Without the opportunity to work in the Center for the Analysis and Prevention of Crime in the Criminal Justice Department, I would not have learned the analytical skills needed to perform my job. My time at the University of Scranton helped shape my career and made me a competitive candidate for the position I have now.

Faculty

In addition to having experience in the field, our faculty are also accomplished scholars. Take **Dr. Loreen Wolfer's** latest book *A Practical Introduction to Real World Research: Getting the Job Done*. It is a combined research methods and statistics textbook that will be published in the Spring. This book is designed to serve as a basic methods and statistics resource for students who intend to directly enter various criminal justice and social service agencies upon graduation and who might encounter evaluation research in the course of their job. It is also designed to serve as a foundational text for students who intend to take higher level research/statistics or graduate courses in our fields. Other faculty accomplishments include:

Dr. Sinchul Back attended the 3rd Annual National Cybersecurity Summit hosted by the Department of Homeland Security's CISA. He published an article "Cybercriminal Profiling: An Application of SSBA-CO Methods" in the *Journal of Digital Forensics*. Also, His paper "Cyber Situational Crime Prevention Activities and the Breadth of Cybercrimes Among Higher Education Institutions" has been published in the *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime*. His article "Cyber Place Management and Crime Prevention: The Effectiveness of Cybersecurity Awareness Training Against Phishing Attacks" will be published in the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Michael Jenkins and Harry Dammer published a book chapter titled Policing in Selected Countries: Organization and Structure, in *Comparative and International Policing, Justice, and Transnational Crime*.

Dr. Ismail Onat published a report on jail reduction strategies for the local prison. He also published two articles: "Microcycles of Terrorist Violence in Turkey: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of PKK Attacks" in the *Asian Journal of Criminology*; and "Fueling Anti-Americanism in Turkey: Framing the News by the Pro-Government and International Media" in the *International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics*.

**Alpha Phi Sigma
the National Criminal Justice
Honor Society:
2019-2020 Inductees**

- Stephanie Alvarez
- Madeline Grant
- Matthew Marcotte
- Jenna Tameron

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
- District Attorneys Office
- Dunmore Police Department
- Lackawanna County Police & Sheriff's Department

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

