

SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

March 2019

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.

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.

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NEW FACULTY MEMBER SPECIALIZING IN CYBERCRIME



We are excited to introduce our newest faculty member, Sinchul Back, MS, MA. Sinchul will be teaching courses in Cybercrime beginning Fall 2019. He currently holds an MS in Criminal Justice, MA in Political Science and will soon defend his doctoral dissertation in International Crime and Justice at Florida International University. His teaching and research specializations are in cybercrime, cybersecurity, digital forensics, GIS/crime mapping, policing, situational crime prevention, terrorism/homeland security, quantitative research, research methods, and transnational crime. In addition to his genuine passion for research, he thoroughly enjoys teaching and mentoring students. We are confident Sinchul will make a valuable contribution to our academic programs.

STUDENT PROFILE



In the fall 2018 semester, I interned with the Scranton Police Department (SPD) to analyze 911 calls for service. I was welcomed into the department by *Chief Graziano* and the rest of the police department personnel, where I familiarized myself with their data record management software and compiled incident data relevant to the research project. During this spring 2019 semester, I am working with *Dr. Onat* to identify possible patterns in types of calls for service, and their geographic and temporal components. We assume that the project will inform the decision-makers within the SPD and hope to present our findings to the agency in April.

Emily Bluhm '19

MOCK TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES PAST REGIONALS



The University of Scranton Mock Trial Team competed in the American Mock Trial Association's Regional Qualifier for the Championship Series, at Penn State University, in State College. The Team, which is only in its fourth year of existence, competed successfully, winning five of eight judges' ballots, only losing two ballots, and ending in a tie on one ballot. There were four trial rounds, with two judges' ballots per round. As a result of the Team's success at Regionals, it secured a bid to the

next level in the competition, which is the Opening Round of the Championship Series ("O.R.C.S."), which was held on March 9th and 10th, at the Suffolk County Courthouse, in Central Islip (Long Island) New York. This was the Team's first time advancing past Regionals!

The Competing Members of the Team are from left to right, as follows: Back Row: Coach, Sidney Prejean, Esq., Nicholas Velez, Margaret Westerman, Co-Captains, Kimberly Shaw and Alexis Mergus, Zoe Rodriguez, Ryan Paolilli, and Faculty Adviser, *Jason A. Shrive, Esq.* Front Row: Best Witness Award Winner, Megan Bertrand, Veronica Sansone, and Best Witness Award Winner, Leticia Demps. The Team is Coached by Atty. Sidney Prejean, and *Atty. Jason Shrive*, of the University's Criminal Justice Department, who serves as the Team's Faculty Adviser.

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

- Kelsey Andrews
- Jason Palauskas
- Halle Whyte

The following students were inducted into *Alpha Kappa Delta*, the International Sociology Honor Society:

- Shauna Leahy
- Angela Coen

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

FACULTY

In March, **Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich** attended the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in Boston, where she organized and presided over two Community-Based Learning themed sessions entitled "Activism, Community Engagement, and Public Sociology." She also presented her research on redevelopment in Baltimore in a paper session: "The New Urbanist Company Town? Corporate-driven Development and the Reimagining of the City."

Adjunct Professor, Christopher L. Paris, a native of Scranton, was promoted to the rank of major and assigned as the director of the Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards. Major Paris enlisted in the State Police in 1999. As he progressed through the ranks, Major Paris also served in Troop K, Philadelphia; the Bureau of Training and Education; the Department Discipline Office; and Troop R, Dunmore. Major Paris was promoted to corporal in 2005, sergeant in 2006, lieutenant in 2010, and captain in 2015. Major Paris is a 1998 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Scranton, a 2004 graduate of Temple University Law School, and a graduate of the 267th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He has passed the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams and is an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar.