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## DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CYBERSECURITY, AND SOCIOLOGY

**Criminal Justice**

**Cybercrime**

**Homeland Security**

**Sociology**

**Criminology**



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to the Department of Criminal Justice,  
Cybersecurity, and Sociology!*

We are glad you are considering the University as your academic home for the next few years. It is an exciting time for the University and our department in particular, as we prepare to move into our campus's newest building--Weiss Hall--this coming summer. This will include additional, world-class classroom and lab spaces for our programs, research, and community initiatives.

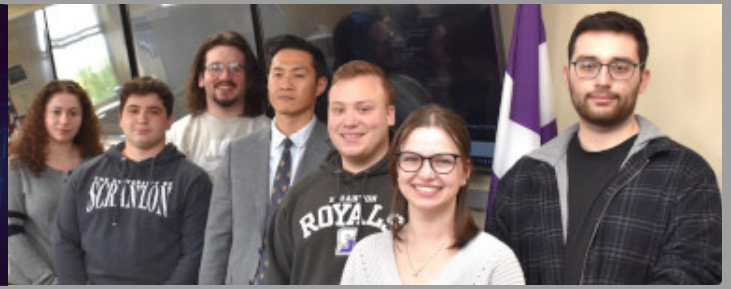
We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments, as you make the momentous decision of where to spend the next four years to focus on your academic and personal growth. But first, here are a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs:

- 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--a hallmark of a quality education that our university has been involved in since its inception.
- We have 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.
- Our faculty are recognized nationally and internationally in their various professional organizations and also have relevant experience in the field.
- We have an active Criminal Justice Student Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, and engages in community service and we have recently started a chapter—Omega Sigma Alpha—of the American Criminal Justice Association.
- 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 and social service agencies in the regional community.
- We have interdisciplinary collaborations with the University's Chemistry Department (Forensic Chemistry major) and Business School (Forensic Accounting track and Business 5yr BS/MS program).

If I can be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me at [michael.jenkins@scranton.edu](mailto:michael.jenkins@scranton.edu). We hope to see you next Fall!

Yours in Justice,

*Michael Jenkins, Ph.D.*

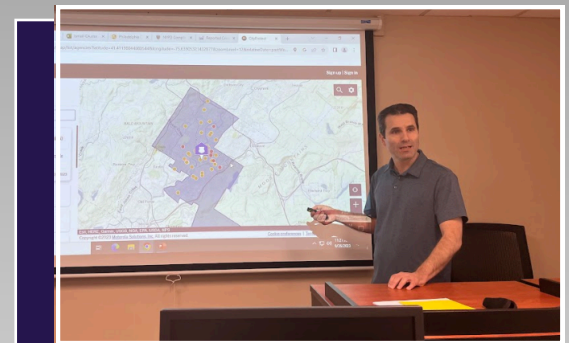


We prepare students for fulfilling careers in policing, courts, corrections, cybercrime prevention and investigation and social service. Our students develop critical thinking, research, analytical and technological skills while learning about equality and social justice. We are just one block from downtown Scranton, which means we have easy access to state and federal courts, law firms, social service agencies, and the police department. We incorporate the principles of Catholic, Jesuit and Ignation Education: especially with genuine care for each student and an emphasis on social justice.

## OUR PROGRAMS

## 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, as well as community and institutional corrections. It can prepare you as well for advanced study in law, criminology and public administration.



*"Our faculty are highly trained, professionally active, and at the top of their fields. All are doing research and taking students under their wing."* - **James Roberts, Ph.D.**



Cybercrime is a serious threat to organizations around the world. Because of that, the cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing everyday. Our program in Cybercrime & Homeland Security is designed to prepare you to meet the growing demand for evaluating and managing and defending from complex cybersecurity incidents and threats, as well as learn about the effect of terrorism on our country.

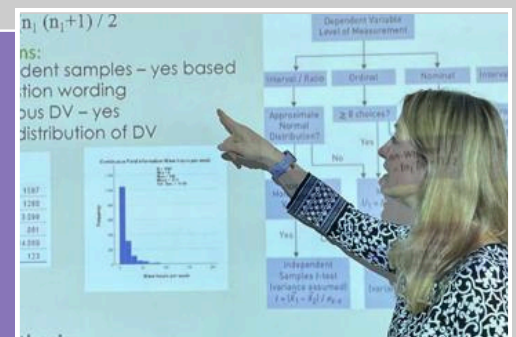
## CYBERCRIME & HOMELAND SECURITY

*"Our programs are not only providing students with a very rich curriculum, but also helping them gain experience and skills that can prepare them to compete with others in the job market."* - **Ismail Onat, Ph.D, M.A.**

## SOCIOLOGY

Sociology majors have a strong background in writing, theory, critical thinking and research. These skills, that come along with the understanding of the nuances of human interaction, are essential to a number of different occupations such as: research, administration, public health, human services, business, counseling, corrections, law, politics and public relations.

*"Most students don't think they're going to be doing a lot of data collecting in their 'real' job. It helps them see the utility of what they're doing. It really drives home to students that what they're doing will be used by a real agency."* - **Loreen Wolfer, Ph.D.**





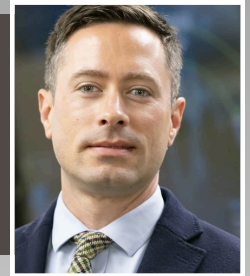
## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Dr. Sinchul Back** and **Dr. Michael Jenkins** traveled to South Korea with a group of students this summer for the S/CJ 284 ST: Crime & Justice in South Korea course. This course covered the meaning of justice, security and crime in South Korea. The students had the opportunity to go to the demilitarized zone and participate in the International White Hat Conference at Korean National Police University. The trip to the border gave the students the opportunity to learn about North Korean and South Korean relations. The class were able to go to the Seoul Metropolitan police, where they learned about the Seoul traffic surveillance system, emergency call center and their hands-on firearm training center.



**Dr. Ismail Onat** published an article in collaboration with Dr. Ahmet Guler of Penn State University, where they investigated the factors influencing attitudes towards changing law enforcement. The article, "Reform, defund or do not touch? Exploring factors affecting the demand for organizational change in law enforcement" uses three concepts to measure attitudes toward law enforcement. Onat also published an article called "Cities need to better protect themselves from attacks like the one that disrupted the Paris Olympics", where he emphasizes the need for improving security measures at Olympic events to prevent disruptions or attacks.

**Dr. Michael Jenkins** started two new roles: Weiss Hall Project Liaison and Faculty Fellow for the Gail and Francis Slattery Center for the Ignatian Humanities. As Weiss Hall Project Liaison, he will assist the university in preparing for the completion of the newest building project at the University while leading the department and programs in moving to the new space. As a Slattery Center Fellow, he will be looking at the role of higher education requirements on Pennsylvania State Police. He will be presenting and organizing a panel on education and policing at the American Society of Criminology in November. Jenkins also received the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2024 Police Section Outstanding Service award. The annual award honors an individual who has provided significant service to the Police Section of the academy.



University of Scranton students placed fifth, six and eight at the International White Hat Conference at the Korean National Police University. The conference was themed "AI and Robotics Frontier: Mastering Cybercrime Defense in the Digital Age" which is focused on advanced AI and robotics in cybersecurity and cybercrime defense. This conference was a part of the study abroad course to South Korea. In addition, four students were invited to present their research and projects during the interactive showcase part of the conference.

**Dr. Sinchul Back** shared information during an interview with WBRE/WYOU on ransomware attacks that was affecting the Scranton School District. Back was able to highlight the urgent need for cybersecurity measures to protect educational institutions with the rise of cyberattacks in recent years. He called to prioritize cybersecurity and ensure that networks are secure, up-to-date and resilient against malicious threats and cyberattacks. He also led the Cyber-AI Investigation Camp in which camp participants engaged in hands-on explorations of the many aspects of cybersecurity including foundations of cybersecurity, cyber law, ethical hacking, AI, and digital forensics investigation techniques.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



April Phillips ('92) spoke to criminal justice students and faculty at the university to discuss varied and illustrious careers in the FBI. Phillips is an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in northeastern Pennsylvania. She specializes in white-collar crime including public corruption, even testifying in an Old Forge bribery case in 2022. She was one of the sixteen individuals honored by the U.S. Attorney's Office for outstanding contributions to public safety. Her efforts have resulted in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulent proceeds.

Lackawanna County's Magisterial District Judges Sean Gallagher ('08) and Christopher Szewczyk ('06) spoke to Attorney Shrive's American Court System classes. They spoke about the process of becoming a Magisterial District Judge and their role of the same in the PA Judicial System. Judge Gallagher was a practicing Attorney for 11 Years with vast experience in Civil and Criminal Law in the Court of Common Pleas as well as Magisterial District Courts throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. Judge Szewczyk was a Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Dickson City for 14 years prior to becoming a judge.



## READY TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS? WE OFFER COURSES IN:

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Ethical Hacking
- Sociological theory
- Cyber-intelligence
- Race & Ethnic Relations
- American Policing
- Terrorism
- Homeland Security
- Law and American Court System
- Sociology
- Digital Forensic Investigation
- Emergency Management
- Police Criminalistics

## OUR CLUBS

- Criminal Justice Club (Chapter of American Criminal Justice Association)
- Cyberinvestigation Club

## ALPHA PHI SIGMA

*The National Criminal Justice Honor Society*

**2024- 2025 Inductees**

**James Roberts Ph.D., Advisor**

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| • Gianna Marmo     | • Audrey Phillips   |
| • Claudia O'Reilly | • Ryan Lally        |
| • Ryan Nodine      | • Olivia Ciccimarra |
| • Emilia Tobey     | • Emily McAlarney   |
| • Taegan Mills     |                     |

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Pennsylvania State Prison
- Scranton City Police
- U.S. Secret Service and U.S Marshals
- County Probation
- J.P. Morgan
- District Attorney's Office
- Dunmore Police Department
- Lackawanna County Police
- Lackawanna County Sheriff
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Security Agency
- Community Intervention Center
- The Institute for Economic and Public Policy
- Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency

## WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

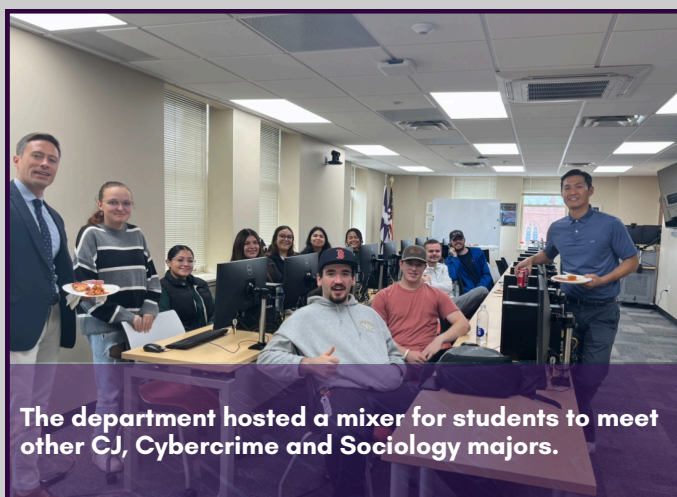
- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- FBI
- Counterterrorism
- Private Security Analysis
- U.S. Immigration and Customs
- Local & State Police Departments
- Federal Corrections
- Public Defenders Office
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Private Sectors for Cybercrime
- Civil Division in Courts



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The department hosted a mixer for students to meet other CJ, Cybercrime and Sociology majors.



Jim Murray ('90), current Chief Security Officer of Snapchat and former Director of the U.S. Secret Service, spoke to students in Dr. Back's Class.