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 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

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.
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

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

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."