

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.

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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<http://www.scranton.edu/academics/cas/soc-cj/index.shtml>

THE CENTER FOR THE ANALYSIS AND PREVENTION OF CRIME (CAPOC)

Students, faculty, and community partners have been busy since our department launched the Center for the Analysis and Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) this past summer. CAPoC's inaugural event was a training on creating and using evidence-based practice of 25 local criminal justice, behavioral health, and social service practitioners. Student Analysts are traveling to Washington, DC in May to give a congressional briefing on their analysis of burglaries for the Scranton Police Department and on their evaluation of a local law enforcement and first responder Crisis Intervention training. In the few months that CAPoC has been active, students have worked with faculty and community partners in hands-on learning experiences which will benefit them in future employment and educational opportunities—all while helping to improve the local community!

ALUMNI NOTES



Victoria Spagnolo '17 is finishing her second semester at Northeastern University School of Law (NUSL). She is currently working on a year-long social justice project to assist an agency that offers free legal services to people struggling with debt. This summer, Victoria plans on applying for Northeastern's Immigration Justice Clinic where she will have the opportunity to represent clients in a variety of immigration matters. Then in the Fall, she hopes to work full-time with an immigration firm in New York City, through Northeastern's Cooperative Program. Based on work she began as an honors student at the University, Victoria presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in California. The paper, on Latino immigrants' views of the criminal justice, is co-authored with Dr. Jenkins and presently under review for publication with an academic journal.



Bradley Gilmore '08 Began his law enforcement career as a police dispatcher. He became a police officer in February 2011 with the Ridgefield Park Police Department in Bergen County, NJ. Bradley received extensive training in narcotics and trafficking trends which allowed him to lead the department in narcotic-related arrests. In September 2017, he was recruited by the Bergen County Prosecutors Office Narcotics Task Force and currently works as part of an elite and highly trained unit that targets drug smugglers on Interstate 95 and Interstate 80. Bradley also serves as the vice president of the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association and organizes law enforcement training throughout the state of New Jersey. He also trains law enforcement officers all over the country on aftermarket hidden compartments and drug trafficking trends for Street Cop Training, LLC. Bradley thanks The University of Scranton for providing him with the tools needed to succeed in life.

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

Prof. David Friedrichs' co-authored book for Routledge's Key Thinkers in Criminology series has now been published as: David O. Friedrichs, Isabel Schoultz, and Aleksandra Jordanoska, *Edwin H. Sutherland* (London: Oxford, 2018). This is the first book to provide an overall review of the life, work and legacy of the most important criminologist of the twentieth century.

Dr. Ismail Onat published an article in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences & Criminal Investigation* on "*Social Incivilities and Perception of Safety*". He also authored an article on "*Terrorism Risk Forecasting by Ideology*" in the *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*. In addition, he presented two research papers on the evaluation of criminal justice policies at the ACJS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Ismail Onat & Dr. Michael Jenkins received Grant Writing Awards for Intersession 2018.

Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich organized and served as a presider of a research paper session on "Gender and the City" and a teaching workshop on "Teaching as Women and Trans Folks in the Era of Alternative Facts" at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Dr. James Roberts and his wife Jamie, were blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Luke Alexander Roberts.

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

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