

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
College of Health and Human Sciences
Georgia State University

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A. OVERVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

1. MISSION and STRUCTURE

The Department of Criminal Justice is dedicated to providing a dynamic educational experience that integrates theory and practice. The faculty attempt to strike the proper balance between the acquisition of knowledge and the application and utilization of that knowledge.

The curriculum focuses on the study of the criminal justice system and its component parts: law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice. The curriculum also focuses on the causes of crime and theoretical explanations relating to the crime problem. The Department's curriculum is designed to provide students with a liberal arts education that focuses upon basic skills such as the ability to read critically, to write clearly, to speak effectively, and to think analytically. Some students pursue graduate education in pursuit of advanced degrees. For others, the criminal justice concentration of specialized course-work serves as the foundation for a career in a criminal justice profession.

Readings, lectures, and research assignments are supplemented with field trips and with guest speakers who are recognized professionals in the field. These efforts are enhanced by a demanding, yet rewarding, internship program. The Department offers Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in criminal justice.

The Department's research activities further exemplify the commitment to integrating theory and practice of our interdisciplinary field. Some of that research addresses specific needs of criminal justice agencies, while some is more theoretical in nature. Further proof of the Department's commitment to scholarship can be found in two respected peer-reviewed journals published in the Department: ***Criminal Justice Review*** and the ***International Criminal Justice Review***.

The Department maintains close professional ties with the criminal justice community through a host of agency-based internship placements, through various public committees and projects, and at various public events. Two examples are the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) Program, which is a continuing education and professional law enforcement

development initiative focusing on the local, state, national, and international law enforcement and public safety communities. Another example is the longstanding research conducted for the Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole.

2. FACULTY and STAFF

Dr. Brenda Sims Blackwell, Associate Professor
Dr. Damon D. Camp, Associate Professor
Dr. Sue Carter Collins, Assistant Professor
Dr. Dean A. Dabney, Associate Professor
Dr. Mary A. Finn, Professor
Dr. Robert R. Friedmann, Professor
Dr. David W. Holleran, Assistant Professor (until 8/2006)
Dr. Wendy Pogorzelski, Assistant Professor (since 8/2006)
Dr. Mark D. Reed, Associate Professor, Graduate Coordinator
Dr. Richard J. Terrill, Professor, Acting Chair, and Internship Coordinator
Dr. Volkan Topalli, Assistant Professor
Dr. Barbara Warner, Associate Professor

Ms. Mary Mason, Senior Secretary
Ms. Anita Stewart, Business Manager

Mr. Oyemade Fasakin, Student Assistant
Ms. Stephanie Singleton, Student Assistant
Ms. Nikeya Veney, Student Assistant

3. STUDENTS

Current students and graduates of the program are found in all components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and at all professional levels within these components at the metro, state, and national levels. The Department values the close relationships that are maintained among students, faculty, and alumni. This mutual support provides a dynamic environment which is enhanced even more by the proximity of municipal, county, state, and federal agencies as well as the private security sector.

The Department had a total of 1,158 students enrolled during 2006, while in 2005 enrollment was at 1,068. Of the students enrolled in 2006, 53% were minorities and 59% were female. A total of 9,281 credit hours were produced by the faculty. The Department was responsible for 20.16% of the total number of credit hours produced by the College of Health and Human Sciences. The following two tables provide a summary of student enrollment and credit hour production by faculty.

Calendar Year 2006 Criminal Justice Enrollment

Program/Semester	Minority	% Minority	Female	% Female	Total CJ	Total CHHS
Spring 2006						
BS	217	53	214	52	411	
MS	17	48	24	69	35	
Total	234	52	238	53	446	2358
Summer 2006						
BS	113	54	125	60	208	
MS	9	56	11	56	16	
Total	127	57	136	57	224	1194
Fall 2006						
BS	238	52	282	62	457	
MS	13	42	23	74	31	
Total	251	51	305	62	488	2513
TOTAL	612	53	679	59	1158	6,065

* Accounting for 19.1% of CHHS enrollment.

Credit Hours in Courses Taught by CJ Faculty, Calendar Year 2006

Semester	Lower	Upper	Graduate	Total	% of CHHS	CHHS
Spring 06	582	3329	357	4268	22.42	19,033
Summer 06	99	1113	63	1275	21.46	5,942
Fall 06	813	2673	252	3738	17.74	21,071
Total	1494	7115	672	9,281	20.16	46,046

The Department placed 102 undergraduate criminal justice majors in internships with a variety of criminal justice agencies (37 spring, 33 summer, 32 fall). The Department has established internship relationships with over 100 agencies.

The Department graduated 99 undergraduate and 13 graduate students in 2006 compared to 89 undergraduate and 9 graduate students in 2005.

In the Fall 2006 semester, the Department had 457 declared undergraduate majors, which was an increase over the Fall 2005 semester figure of 397.

Graduate Research Assistants were:

Shannon Baker, Jennifer Bertolani, Nadejda Borissova, Gail Campbell, Ida Cannon, W. Jordan Cannon, Taylor Dang, Clarissa Dias, Saman Faisal, Keri Fox, Frank Fuller, Melissa Gainey, Doug Haegi, Ashley Kotun, Tyler Krueger, Justin Lampert, Maria Lopez, Nicole Moschello, Kimberly Nelson, and Carolyn Simons.

The *Criminal Justice Student Association* (CJSA) officers for 2006-2007 are:

Christopher Stevenson (President)
Sheena Forrester (Vice President)
Brad Etterle (Treasurer)
Beth Oney (Secretary)
Dr. Sue Carter Collins, Faculty Advisor

B. HIGHLIGHTS of 2006

- * Faculty produced 14 publications: 8 refereed articles, 1 non-refereed article, 1 book chapter, 1 reprint and 3 research reports.
- * Faculty received 2 extramural grants/contracts (\$ 479,979) and 2 intramural grants (\$17,927).
- * Faculty made professional presentations at numerous conferences, including the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Society of Criminology, Sixth International Conference on Terrorism's Global Impact, Southern Criminal Justice Association, and the First Stockholm Criminology Symposium.
- * **Dr. Mary A. Finn** was promoted to Professor.
- * The Department welcomed **Dr. Wendy Pogorzelski** to the faculty in August as a tenure track assistant professor.
- * The Department conducted a search for a chair which resulted in the hiring of **Dr. Brian Payne**.
- * The Department conducted a search for a tenure track associate professor which resulted in the hiring of **Dr. Timothy Brezina**.
- * The Department conducted a search for a tenure track assistant professor which resulted in the hiring of **Ms. Sue-Ming Yang**.

1. SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY

Publications

Articles (referred):

Britto, M., Britto, S., and **Collins, S.C.** (2006). Law enforcement curriculum and standards for high school. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 6 (5), 161-172.

Collins, S.C., S. C., Britto, S. and Britto, M. (*In press*). High school private security programs: The wave of the future? *The Security Journal*.

Dabney, D.A., Dugan L., **Topalli, V.**, and Hollinger R.C. (2006.) The impact of implicit stereotyping on offender profiling: Unexpected results from an observational study of shoplifting. *Criminal Justice & Behavior* 33:5, 646-674.

Dabney, D.A., Green L., and **Topalli, V.** (2006). Freshman learning communities in criminology and criminal justice: An effective tool for enhancing student recruitment and learning outcomes. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 17:1, 44-68.

Finn, M.A. and Bettis, P. (2006). Punitive action or gentle persuasion: Exploring police officers' justifications for using dual arrest in domestic violence cases. *Violence Against Women*, 12 (3), 268-287.

Stalans, L.J. and **Finn, M.A.** (2006). Public's and police officers' interpretation and handling of domestic violence cases: Divergent realities. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 21 (9), 1129-1155.

Tewksbury, R. and **Collins, S.C.** (2006). Aggression levels among correctional officers: Re-assessing sex differences. *The Prison Journal*, 86(3), 327-343.

Topalli, V. (2006). The seductive nature of autotelic crime: How neutralization theory serves as a boundary condition for understanding street crime. *Sociological Inquiry*, 76, 475-501.

Articles (non-referred):

Friedmann, R.R. (2006). The University Perspective: The Policing Profession in 2050. *The Police Chief*, Vol. LXXIII, No. 8 (August): 23-25.

Book chapters:

Reed, M.D. and **Blackwell, B.S.** (2006). Secondary victimization among families of homicide victims: The impact of the justice process on co-victims' psychological adjustment and service utilization. Pp. 253-273 in J. Acker and D. Karp (eds.), Wounds That Do Not Bind: Victim-Based Perspectives on the Death Penalty. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Reprints:

Topalli, V. and Wright, R. (2006). Dubs, dees, beats, and rims: Carjacking and urban violence. Originally published in 2004 in **D.A. Dabney** (Ed.) *Criminal Behaviors: A Text Reader*. Belmont CA: Wadsworth Publishing. Reprinted in Paul Cromwell (ed.), *In Their Own Words: Criminals on Crime*, 4th Edition. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing.

Research reports:

Blackwell, B.S. (2006). GPA v RF Electronic Monitoring: A Comparison of Vendors and Outcomes. Prepared for the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles, Atlanta, GA.

Finn, M.A. and Taylor, T. J. (2006). Process Evaluation of Three Day Reporting Centers: Clayton, Macon & Rome. Prepared for the Georgia Day Reporting Centers Executive Committee, Georgia Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Atlanta, GA.

Taylor, T.J., **Holleran, D.** and **Topalli, V.** (2006). Using the National Incident-Based Reporting System to Examine the Extent to Which Police Clearance Rates of Violent Offenses Vary by Victim Race. Prepared for the American Statistical Association and the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Grants and Contracts:

Dr. Mary A. Finn was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Justice for \$451,864. The title of the grant is: Process Evaluation of Efforts to Combat Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Atlanta. The following faculty are serving as co-investigators on the project:

Brenda Sims Blackwell (Criminal Justice), Leslie C. Jackson (Psychology) and Jim Wolk (Social Work).

Dr. Volkan Topalli, along with former faculty colleagues: Drs. T. J. Taylor and David Holleran, were awarded a grant from the American Statistical Association/Bureau of Justice Statistics for \$ 44,592 originally. Their project examines the extent to which police clearance rates of violent offenses vary by race of the victim.

Dr. Barbara Warner received a Research Team Grant from the University Research Services and Administration for \$14,997. The title of the grant is: Developing a Training Program to Facilitate Collective Efficacy. The following faculty serve as co-investigators on the project: Elizabeth Beck (Social Work) and Mary Ohmer (Social Work).

Dr. Mark D. Reed received an intramural (CHHS) grant for \$2,930. The title of the project is: Secondary Victimization Among Family Members of Homicide Victims: A Two-Year Follow-Up Study.

Dr. Robert R. Friedmann continued the fifth year of his National Institute of Justice five-year project entitled, Improving Crime Data.

Dr. Volkan Topalli continued the second year of his National Science Foundation project to conduct an interdisciplinary, multi-method approach to the study of active violent street offenders.

2. SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS

Graduate Thesis:

Shannon Baker

Peers, parents, and adolescent substance abuse: A test of primary socialization theory. (Dr. Holleran, Chair)

Clarissa Dias

Backlash or Gender Symmetry: Exploring Explanations for the Increased Arrests of Women for Family Violence. (Dr. Finn, Chair)

Henry Spears

Latina Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: Perceptions of the Police. (Dr. Collins, Chair)

Student Awards and Honors:

Marshall L. Bowie College of Health and Human Sciences Scholarship

Jessica L. Ekhomu

Dean's Scholarship Key:

Sarah Albright
Erin Anderson
John Auers
Jessica Ekhomu
Chad Gwin
Heath Hayes
Candice Holt
Erin Hombroek
Erohwon Ogbemudia
William Reynolds
Crissi Robinson
Christina Rupp
Robert Wilbanks

Faculty Scholarship Award:

Chad Gwin
Heath Hayes
Candice Holt
Robert Wilbanks

Chris Perrin Memorial Award:

Crissi Robinson

Larry E. Quinn Memorial Award:

Norman Paul Merritt

Undergraduate Academic Honor Student Award:

Norman Paul Merritt

Graduate Academic Honor Student Award:

Rhiannon Morgan

James L. Maddex, Jr. Scholarship:

Gail Campbell

Phil Peters Scholarship:

W. Jordan Cannon

Distinguished Alumni Service Award:

Mark Kissel

3. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Criminal Justice Review is published four times a year. The CJR is a scholarly journal dedicated to presenting a broad perspective on criminal justice issues. It focuses on any aspect of crime and the justice system and can feature local, state, or national concerns. Both qualitative and quantitative pieces are encouraged, providing that they adhere to standards of quality scholarship. As a peer-reviewed journal, we encourage the submission of articles, research notes, commentaries, and comprehensive essays that focus on crime and broadly defined justice-related topics.

In 2006, volume 31.1 (2006) contained : 3 articles, 1 book review essay and 15 book reviews; volume 31.2 contained: 3 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments and 8 book reviews; volume 31.3 contained: 2 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments and 15 book reviews; and volume 31.4 contained: 2 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments, 1 book review essay and 20 book reviews.

International Criminal Justice Review is published three times a year. The ICJR is a scholarly journal dedicated to presenting system wide trends and problems on crime and justice throughout the world. Articles may focus on a single country or compare issues affecting two or more countries. Both qualitative and quantitative pieces are encouraged, providing they adhere to standards of quality scholarship. Manuscripts may emphasize either contemporary or historical topics. As a peer-reviewed journal, we encourage the submission of articles, research notes,

commentaries, and comprehensive essays that focus on crime and broadly defined justice-related topics in an international and/or comparative context.

In 2006, volume 16.1 (2006) contained: 2 articles and 14 book reviews; volume 16.2 contained: 2 articles and 16 book reviews and volume 16.3 contained: 2 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments and 20 book reviews.

Dr. Richard J. Terrill is the editor of both journals. He is assisted by **Jessica Ekhomu**, as coordinating editor and **Channing Walden**, as editorial assistant. Graduate students: **Shannon Baker, Taylor Dang, Clarissa Dias, and Tyler Krueger** also assisted in the production of both journals.

Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program (GILEE) and International Law Enforcement Enterprise (ILEE). Both GILEE and ILEE carried out eleven programs that included the 14th delegation of Georgia and Florida police officials visiting Israel, and the 12th delegation of senior Israeli police officers visiting Georgia. It should also be noted that the first delegation of GBI (Georgia Bureau of Investigation) Crime Lab experts visited the Israel Police Crime Lab and the first delegation from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) studied emergency preparedness in Israel. The aforementioned are some of the exchanges facilitated by (GILEE) and (ILEE). Finally, GILEE was a co-convenor, along with the GBI, the Georgia Office of Homeland Security and GEMA, of a special conference on Homeland Security and Global Terrorism. International experts addressed more than 200 officials from 13 states.

Dr. Robert R. Friedmann is the founder and director of GILEE and ILEE.

Other Public Service

Faculty serve their profession, the criminal justice community and their local community in a number of ways. To illustrate, faculty serve on the editorial boards of the: American Journal of Criminal Justice, Crime Prevention and Community Safety: An International Journal, and the Journal of Drug Issues. They have also reviewed manuscripts for a host of scholarly publications and grants for the National Science Foundation. Finally, they have been active in their professional organizations: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Society of Criminology, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

In reference to the criminal justice community, faculty are involved as both advisors and members of such groups as: the Atlanta Mayor's Office on the Weed and Seed Program, the Crime Victims Advocacy Council, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Peace Officers Standards & Training Council, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Finally, their involvement in the community includes involvement with: American Council of Education, American Association of University Women, Central Atlanta Progress, Eagle's Nest Ministries, the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, and the Turkish American Cultural Association of Georgia.

C. PLANNING

1. GOALS FOR 2006

- A. Hire a permanent Chair for the Department.
- B. Hire faculty members with open specialties.
- C. Implement all features of our assessment plan.
- D. Continue to improve the graduate program and funding for graduate students.
- E. Attract better undergraduate students through our Legal Track.
- F. Continue our efforts to secure external funding.

2. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2006

A. **Dr. Brian Payne** was hired as Professor and Chair and will assume his duties 1 July 2007.

B. **Dr. Wendy Pogorzelski** was hired as an Assistant Professor fall 2006. **Dr. Timothy Brezina** was hired as an Associate Professor fall 2007. **Ms. Sue-Ming Yang** was hired as an Assistant Professor fall 2007.

C. Although we have now implemented all the features of our assessment plan, we are continuing to fine tune it. For example, we are working on clarifying the general education outcomes within the major and how they are being met. It should be noted that the Center for Teaching and Learning regarded our Department as a finalist for the Instructional Effectiveness Award for programs without professional accreditation.

D. Although the average GRE scores for the 2006 cohort of applicants accepted into the graduate program dipped slightly from those of 2005 (991.43 vs 1,005.22), the GRE and GPA averages are still an improvement over a few years ago. We were able to provide graduate funding for those deemed eligible and who sought our assistance.

E. Starting with the Fall 2005 Semester, the Department offered undergraduate students the option of choosing the traditional Crime and Justice Track or a Legal Track. The Crime and Justice Track includes the traditional curriculum for criminal justice majors. The Legal Track is designed for criminal justice majors who are interested in an intensive exposure to law in preparation for law school. In the Fall 2006 semester, the Department had 457 declared undergraduate majors of which 48 or 11 % elected the Legal Track. Obviously, it is too early to determine if we are attracting better undergraduate students through our Legal Track. As noted earlier, we have had an increase in the number of declared undergraduate majors from 397 in the Fall semester of 2005 to 457 in the Fall semester of 2006.

F. Faculty received 2 extramural grants/contracts for \$ 479,979 in 2006. We continue to receive funding from two grants that were awarded in previous years from the National Institute of Justice and the National Science Foundation. More faculty are seeking external funding. In late 2006 and early 2007, three proposals were submitted.

3. GOALS FOR 2007

- A. Hire two additional tenure track faculty.

- B. Continue to improve the graduate program and funding for graduate students.
- C. Increase scholarly productivity.
- D. Increase securing external funding for research.