



The WOU Criminal Justice Department NEWSLETTER

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A Note From The Chair



Welcome to the Criminal Justice Department's first newsletter. We believe that this medium will be a great way to communicate with our students, alumni, and other interested parties about what is going on in criminal justice at Western. We hope that you agree and please feel free to give us any feedback or suggestions for future issues. For those of you who haven't heard from us in a while, you need to know that we are growing and changing. Starting fall term, 2012, we will have eight full-time, tenure-track faculty, after conducting two successful searches this past year—resulting in the hiring of Misty Weitzel and Scott Tighe—and also successfully converting Robert Swan's position to tenure track. We also have a new minor starting fall term—forensic anthropology—and are continuing to develop the crime analysis concentration. You may read about all of these developments and changes in the pages that follow. For now, please enjoy this newsletter and thank you for your interest in and support of the Criminal Justice Department at Western Oregon University.

A Look Inside The Classroom: Raising Awareness About Veterans' Issues

William Brown, PhD, a professor in the Criminal Justice Department at WOU and a Vietnam veteran, has introduced two classes during the past year that draw attention to veterans' issues. One class, *Veterans Entangled in Criminal Justice* (CJ 407), is a course that draws attention to the influence of the Military Total Institution (MTI) or military culture on veterans as they navigate through their resocialization process back into the civilian culture. This class examines the characteristics of individuals who have been exposed to on-the-ground war experiences and the hurdles confronting them in the civilian culture. The goal of this class is to familiarize those seeking careers in criminal justice with the social realities confronting veterans.

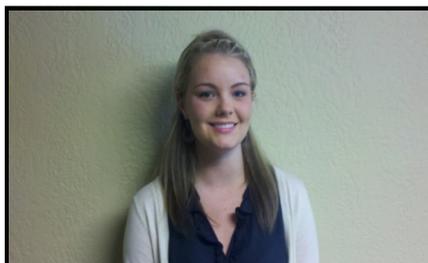


The second class, *Veteran Reintegration* (SSC 407), addresses issues related to veterans who have been exposed to war. Access to registration into this class requires verification that the student has been deployed to a combat area. This class is grounded on the premise that "veterans helping veterans" is a solution to the veteran reintegration problem. The primary goal of this class is to assist veterans in their resocialization process, which includes the university, relationships, and other factors related to veteran reintegration. One student currently enrolled in this class states,

This has been an invaluable course and should be highly recommended by all advisers who have veteran students at WOU. Returning vets need courses like this to not only help them integrate into the education system, but it will also help the local communities have a greater understanding of veterans' needs.

Many thanks to Dr. Brown for offering important classes like these and for his 10 years of service to the Criminal Justice Department and the WOU community!

Winner of New WOU CJ Practicum Scholarship Announced



The WOU Department of Criminal Justice is pleased to announce that Katlyn Miller has been selected as the first recipient of the new Criminal Justice Practicum Scholarship. Ms. Miller, a senior from Salem, will be completing her practicum with the Polk County Juvenile Department during the summer term. She will receive \$500 to put toward her practicum-related expenses. Congratulations Katlyn!

Please turn to page 2 for more information about the scholarship and how you can help.

Student in the Spotlight



Ryan Harter is a junior at WOU majoring in Criminal Justice with a Psychology minor. He is the President of the WOU Criminal Justice Association (WOUCJA).

Through his leadership as a WOUCJA officer, membership has risen from 2 to over 40! The Association recently celebrated the success of its first-ever capstone event (The 2012 Human Trafficking and Child Abduction Panel-see page 4), which hosted members of local and state law enforcement agencies as well as community advocacy organizations. Ryan spent 14 years on active duty in the Army, with tours in Iraq supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He served as a medic and a member of the Transportation Corps prior to his enrollment at WOU in 2009. Upon graduation in 2013 he aspires to work in law enforcement with the Oregon State Police or county or local agencies within the state. Ryan is thankful for the unwavering support of his fellow WOUCJA officers, and the mentorship of the WOU faculty who have made his experience at WOU one of the greatest of his life.



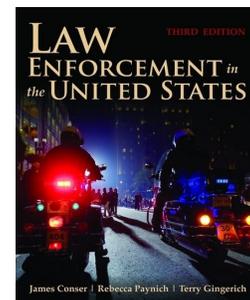
New Practicum Scholarship Fund

About the Scholarship: The WOU Criminal Justice Practicum Scholarship is designed to help students offset the costs associated with completing a practicum (e.g., travel expenses). The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis to applicants based on merit and need. To begin, one award of \$500 will be given to one student during the 2011-2012 academic year. In the near future, the CJ Department hopes to increase the total scholarship amount and/or award multiple scholarships each year.

You can help! The CJ Practicum Scholarship is funded by donations from WOU CJ faculty and alumni. If you would like to make a donation to the CJ Practicum Scholarship fund, please contact David Murphy at murphyd@wou.edu or 503 838-8410. Your **tax-deductible** donation (in any amount) will go a long way toward helping a student have a rewarding and successful practicum experience.

Book Review

The WOU Criminal Justice Department is proud to announce the release of the third edition of *Law Enforcement in the United States* (Jones & Bartlett Learning) co-written by WOU associate professor Terry Gingerich.



This book is designed to help readers understand and think critically about the diverse and unpredictable forces shaping the history and development of American law enforcement. Dr. Gingerich and his co-authors James Conser and Rebecca Paynich offer an in-depth analysis of many of the social, political, institutional and cultural forces that have directly impacted the evolution of the police culture, the development of professional and ethical standards, and the rules of criminal procedure. In addition, the authors assess the impact of a wide array of relevant factors such as technological change, privatization and the threat of terrorism. The book is a must-read for any student or practitioner who seeks a more complete understanding of the fascinating “struggle between existing conventions in law enforcement and today’s push for reform.”

Dr. Gingerich has been a member of the WOU CJ faculty for 11 years. He earned his BA at the University of San Francisco, his MA from California State University-Los Angeles and his PhD. from Washington State University. Prior to beginning his career in higher education, he served 25 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.



Faculty in the Spotlight



Dr. Robert Swan

Robert Swan, Ph.D., attended the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University and finished his Doctorate in Public Administration and Policy (Criminology and Criminal Justice Track) in 2008. Robert teaches courses in research methods, policy analysis, policing, program evaluation, corrections, criminal justice and popular culture and community collaboration. His past teaching experiences have also included Master's and doctoral-level courses in criminal justice policy, research methods, administrative law, organizational theory and mass media. Robert's research interests have included the study of Interstate Corrections Compacts, prison finance and budgeting policies, the effect of vicarious trauma on prosecutorial discretion in sex offender cases, counterterrorism study-abroad course development and collaboration, the efficacy of community and problem-oriented policing approaches in Federal Weed and Seed programs and the reentry experiences and behavioral effect of combat on Vietnam veterans. Currently, Robert is continuing his research on correctional finance and budgeting and is in the process of completing three journal articles and two peer-reviewed books, one of which is a collaborative and comprehensive textbook on the Oregon Criminal Justice System.



Dr. Misty Weitzel

Misty Weitzel, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Western Oregon University specializing in forensic anthropology and bioarchaeology. She earned her B.A. and M.A.I.S. degrees at Oregon State University and Ph.D. at the University of Alberta, Canada. She has conducted fieldwork in the U.S., Canada, Siberia, and Cyprus with publications on human decomposition and taphonomy, Bronze Age Siberian bioarchaeology, analysis of burned human remains and pedagogical methods. Her current research involves tracking the level of microbial activity in soils surrounding decomposing pigs over time. The goal is to demonstrate that diversity and population levels of bacteria may provide clues to time since death for a time period that has traditionally been difficult for forensic scientists to ascertain. Another research focus is to provide osteobiographical information from individuals recovered from the Episkopi-Bamboula site on the south coast of Cyprus and report any pathological conditions and important anomalies that can be found in the bones and teeth. She serves as a monthly columnist for Anthropology News (<http://www.anthropology-news.org/>), the official newspaper of the American Anthropological Association. Her column entitled Pedagogical Approaches in Bioanthropology has so far dealt with topics such as teaching forensic anthropology courses online and race-related issues - topics pertinent to criminal justice. She is also a member of the Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team (DMORT), a federal level response team designed to provide mortuary assistance in the case of a mass fatality or cemetery related incident.

Recent Events:

Inaugural Crime Analysis Symposium

The Criminal Justice Department hosted the first annual **The State of Crime Analysis in Oregon and Southwest Washington** symposium which brought approximately 60 crime analysts, criminal intelligence analysts and academics together to discuss cooperation across Oregon and Southwest Washington. **Mr. Christopher Bruce**, President of the International Association of Crime Analysts and adjunct instructor at WOU, was the keynote speaker. The attendees from multiple law enforcement agencies also had the opportunity to become familiar with WOU's curricular offerings in crime analysis: students may pursue a crime analysis concentration in their CJ studies, leading to a certificate in crime analysis; The crime analysis certificate is also available to post baccalaureate enrollment. **Dr. Terry Gingerich**, professor of criminal justice, was conference organizer. For more information about undergraduate and graduate opportunities in the [criminal justice program](#) at WOU please contact department head, **Dr. Stephen Gibbons**.

Story courtesy of Stephen Scheck, Ph.D, Dean, College Of Liberal Arts & Sciences.



Conference attendees (l-r): **Christopher Bruce**, President of the International Association of Crime Analysts, **Craig Prins**, Executive Director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, **Dr. Stephen Gibbons**, professor and department head, WOU alumna **Natalie Beaty**, Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), alumnus **Richard Kepler**, Crime Analyst, Portland Police Bureau, and **Dr. Terry Gingerich**.

Human Trafficking & Child Abduction Panel

On May 15, 2012 the WOU Criminal Justice Association sponsored an informational panel on human trafficking and child abduction. The 5-person panel, composed of representatives of several law enforcement and social service agencies, focused on an array of issues including the investigative process and the effects on trafficking and abduction victims.

The CJ Association would like to thank those who presented at the event, including:

- **Det Derek Schott**, Oregon State Police
- **Shane Rodriguez**, Polk County CASA
- **Dr. Terry Gingerich**, WOU CJ Professor and 25 year veteran of the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept
- **Molly Hawkins**, Marion County District Attorney's Office / Victims Advocacy Division
- **Det. David White**, Marion County Sheriff's Office



Alumni Updates

Attention Criminal Justice alumni!

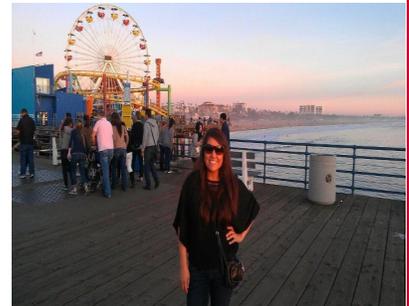
We want to hear from you! Drop us a line at cj@wou.edu and let us know what you've been up to!



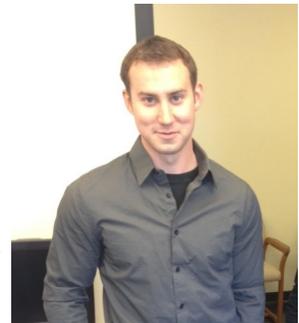
Nathan Rankin accepted a full-time position with the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, Patrol Bureau in October, 2011. He is currently a probationary officer. Mr. Rankin completed the Basic police class at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in February, 2012. Nathan completed his practicum with the Oregon State Police in Roseburg, Oregon in 2010 and graduated with a BS in Criminal Justice in 2011. His practicum experience taught him valuable skills that

he was able to apply to his career aspirations. Nathan plans to apply for the graduate program next fall. One day Nathan hopes to return to WOU as an instructor.

Marcia Perez is a full time graduate student at Portland State University. This is her first year in the Criminology & Criminal Justice program. Ms. Perez is currently doing an internship with Multnomah County Community Corrections in Portland, Oregon. Marcia's job as an intern is to be fully trained in Effective Practices In Community Supervision (EPICS) and be able to recognize when it is effectively being used among officers. EPICS focuses on decreasing recidivism among high risk offenders. EPICS is a model that allows for structured meetings between the probation officers and their clients. This meeting focuses on building rapport, establishing goals and intervene criminogenic. Marcia is originally from Salem, Oregon and graduated from WOU in Spring 2012 with a BA in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology.



Wyatt Merritt completed his MA in Criminal Justice at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in May 2012. While at UNLV, Mr. Merritt worked as a graduate assistant and was involved in several research projects, including an evaluation of the Las Vegas Metro Police Department's officer deployment methods. To date, his research has led to presentations at the 2011 and 2012 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meetings and a publication in *Justice Policy Journal*. Another publication, an entry in the Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice and Criminology, is forthcoming. Originally from Soldotna, Alaska, Wyatt graduated from WOU in 2010. He completed his practicum in 2009 with the Oregon State Police, Roseburg area command. In July, Wyatt will begin an internship with the Drug Enforcement Agency.



Rick Igou graduated from WOU in 1988 with a BA in Law Enforcement. Mr. Igou has worked full time for the Independence Police Department since 1987. In 1990 he made Sergeant. Sergeant Igou has taught classes at the Oregon Police Academy (Department of Public Safety Standards & Training) in multiple skill areas such as Traffic Stops, EVOC, report writing, and Scenario. Since 2010 he has been an adjunct instructor at Chemeketa Community College teaching classes on Report Writing, Field Operations, Patrol Procedures, Criminology, and Survey of the Criminal Justice System.

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Graduates!

Chole'Mae Abbott*
 Jeffrey Aldrich
 Jeanna Antonson
 Jakira Ballard
 Issac Bassett
 Crystal Bartell
 Roxana Bartolo
 Reymundo Benavidez
 Anna Marie Bird
 Cathryn Bowen
 Quoc Bui
 Joshua Buker
 Tracey Bullard*
 William Bush
 David Butler
 Irene Campos
 Dan Chancler
 Travis Church
 Brittany Cina
 Michelle Cooper
 Amy Coven
 Brian Day*
 Kainoa Delatori
 Derek Docken
 Omar Esqueda
 Sandra Franks

Henry Gaffke
 Armando Garfias
 Jessica George
 Esteban Perez Godinez
 Esmeralda Gomez
 Nick Granum
 Amie Graves
 Jeremy Gunther
 Brett Hall
 Kelly Hanna
 Eva Harmon
 Erik Hochhalter
 Anne Hodney
 Tracey Holliday
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 Diana Hernandez-Jaure
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 Kody Kronser
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 Tammie McCombs
 Anthony McPherson
 Justin Mehner
 Gregory Meza
 Katlyn Miller
 Jorge Miller
 Jennifer Murray
 Tyler Nelsen
 David O'Hearn
 Carla Oswalt
 Gregory Park
 Jesse Poole*
 Jeffery Ramsey
 Kody Reavis
 Cecilia Rentisch
 Antonia Rojas
 Allison Root
 Jessica Rose
 Kirstie Rudich
 Nicklus Rumsey
 Jalayne Schmid
 Matthew Schmidt
 Marc Schuermeyer

Dale Seley*
 Adam Settell
 Brian Shleifer
 Meggan Simpson
 Michelle Smith
 Michael Stevens
 Preston Sullivan
 Justin Swint
 Andrew Sylleloglou*
 Alyssa Taylor
 Amber Tobin
 Eric Tress
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 Sitanilei Tupou
 Ezequiel Vasquez
 Pricilla Villa
 Christian Voller
 Hyatt Walberg*
 Marie Watkins
 Lukas West
 Ashley Werner
 Erik Whysong
 Cheryl Wilburn
 Cassandra Wills*
 Paul Wimer
 Andrew Zell

*Graduates earning MA degrees

2011-12 WOU CJ Association Officers



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Brady Harding
 Treasurer



Victoria Gannon
 Secretary

A Look Ahead

In the next issue:

A review of Dr. Amantana's new book *A Sociological Study of Street Children in Ghana: Victims of Kinship Breakdown and Rural-Urban Migration* (The Mellon Press)

Introduction of new minor in Forensic Anthropology

Faculty in the Spotlight: Scott Tighe, Ph.D.

Information for agencies interested in attending WOU's CJ Careers Day in March 2013

More alumni updates (send yours in!)



Special Recognition

The following agencies hosted WOU CJ practicum students during the spring 2012 term:

Benton County Probation & Parole
Benton County Sheriff's Office
Clackamas County Juvenile Department
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Federal Correctional Institution—Sheridan
Hubbard Police Department
Josephine County Community Corrections
Latah County Sheriff's Office
Marion County Department of Human Services
Marion County District Attorney's Office
Marion County District Attorney's Office, Victim Assistance Division
Marion County Probation & Parole
Medford School District
Monmouth Police Department
Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards & Training
Oregon State Police—Salem
Oregon Terrorism Information Threat Assessment Network Fusion Center
Oregon Youth Authority—Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility
Polk County Juvenile Department
Polk County Juvenile Programs
Polk County Sheriff's Office
Salem Police Department
Springfield Police Department
West Linn Police Department
Yamhill County Probation & Parole

Your contributions to our students' educations are invaluable. THANK YOU!



The WOU Criminal Justice Department was founded in 1968. The Department's mission is to provide high quality liberal arts courses and programs in the discipline of criminal justice. The department contributes to the campus and larger academic communities and the region's state, local and federal agencies through service and research. Criminal Justice majors are prepared for beginning professional work in local, state or federal criminal justice agencies at the juvenile or adult level.

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