



The WOU Criminal Justice Department NEWSLETTER

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Practicum Scholarship News!

The CJ Department is excited to announce that **TWO (2) \$400** scholarships will be awarded to practicum students this year!

The Scholarship

The WOU Criminal Justice Practicum Scholarship is designed to help students offset the costs associated with completing a practicum (e.g., travel, lodging). The scholarship is funded by donations from **WOU CJ faculty and alumni** and is awarded on an annual basis to applicants based on merit and need.

To Donate

We need your help! To make a tax-deductible donation in any amount to the CJ Practicum Scholarship fund, please contact David Murphy at muphyd@wou.edu or 503 838-8410.

A Look Inside The Classroom: CJ 331, Police & Community

“Police and Community” (CJ 331) is taught by associate professor **Dr. Terry Gingerich**. The course is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the law enforcement profession, the role of police officers in American society, and the relationship between the police and the public. After a review of the history of law enforcement in America, students explore



topics such as the contemporary development of policing; the organizational structure of police agencies; the selection, training and education of police officers; due process requirements; stress and discretionary decision-making; and the technologies that impact how police officers respond to crime.

Dr. Gingerich is uniquely qualified to teach this important course; he has over 25 years of law enforcement experience. He retired as a sergeant from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 1996 after working a variety of assignments including custody, patrol, investigations and administration. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of San Francisco, a Master of Arts from California State University (Los Angeles), and a Ph.D. from Washington State University.

Dr. Brown Publishes Research Findings in Collaboration with CJ Alumni

Bud Brown, Robert Stanulis, Bryan Theis, Jordan Farnsworth and David Daniels recently published the findings from their study of veterans entangled in the criminal justice system. Their article, titled “The Perfect Storm: Veterans, Culture and the Criminal Justice System” appeared in the fall 2013 issue of *Justice Policy Journal*. A full-text PDF of the article can be found by visiting <http://www.cjcj.org>. Bryan Theis (MA), Jordan Farnsworth (BS) and David Daniels (BS) are graduates of the WOU CJ program.



Recent Events

WOU CJ Students Tour DPSST

David Murphy's CJ 213 class recently toured the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, Oregon on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. The tour, guided by Captain Eaton, included an overview of the various types of training academy students receive and visits to the shooting range, defensive tactics facilities, driving course and "scenario village." Thanks to Captain Eaton and everyone at DPSST for making this an entertaining and educational experience!



WOU Department of Public Safety Holds Self-Defense Classes

Western Oregon University's Department of Public Safety has offered self defense classes for almost a decade. The courses are taught by Western Oregon University Public Safety Officer, Trevor Jackson. The course is designed to teach defensive tactics learned by law enforcement officers and tailor those techniques to various age groups. The class is offered several times a year, and averages about 10 people per class.

Officer Jackson thoroughly enjoys teaching this class, and wants to shed light on how assaults, particularly sexual assaults, impact victims, their loved ones, and the community. He also would like to help others make better-informed decisions to stay safe and, when necessary, defend themselves. This "self defense class helps to prepare participants mentally and physically for the challenges of facing an adversary if they are attacked," says Officer Jackson.

The first part of the class includes a PowerPoint presentation that covers some of the practical skills that can be used to avoid an assault. By the end of the class, students learn basic self-defense techniques and even have the opportunity to put their skills to use in a full contact scenario against a public safety officer in protective padding.

Future classes, including sections designed specifically for females, will be held during the winter and spring terms. Interested students, faculty, and community members of all ages should contact the WOU Office of Public Safety (503 838-8481) for more information and to register.



WOU Criminal Justice Student Association Sponsors Run

The WOU Criminal Justice Association sponsored (along with WOU Student Media) a 5K/10K run on October 13, 2013. Proceeds from the run went to Student Media to support their upcoming trip to New Orleans.



Recent Events, continued:

Dr. Amantana Visits Thailand to Study Restorative Justice Programs

Vivian Amantana spent the recent winter break conducting research on restorative justice programs in Thailand. Her research focuses on the evolution of indigenous restorative justice practices and their compatibility with the official functions of the Thailand's formal criminal justice system. This research is part of Dr. Amantana's ongoing comparative study of indigenous restorative justice practices throughout the world. In addition to serving as the basis of a book project, her research (which also includes examinations of restorative justice programs in Ghana, Canada and the U.S.) provides valuable material for her course on restorative justice.

CJ 213 Students Tour Polk County Jail

On November 14, thirty "CJ 213" students completed a tour of the Polk County Jail in Dallas. The tour was guided by Sergeant Whittaker who educated the group about jail operations from intake to release. The tour provided most students with their first chance to get a "behind-the-scenes" look at the day-to-day responsibilities of corrections professionals. Thanks to Sgt. Whittaker, Lt. Shipley and everyone at the PCSO who helped to make the tour possible.



WOU Students Involved In OSP: Fallen Trooper Memorial Fundraiser

Several students from the Western Oregon University Criminal Justice Program recently volunteered to help raise funds for the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial. An auction was held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 to raise funds to complete the memorial being constructed in honor of those officers who have fallen in the line of duty. Volunteers assisted the board members in running the auction, and had the opportunity to talk with current Oregon State Police employees.

WOU Receives Grant

WOU's Campus Against Sexual Assault Program (of which the CJ Department is a proud member) and WOU's Green Dot Program (a campus safety enhancement strategy) recently received a \$300,000 award from the U.S. Department of Justice. The money will be used to expand prevention and education programs on sexual violence for all students on campus. In addition, the grant will also provide a position for a new program coordinator for Abby's House, as well as an expansion of the Green Dot program.

WOU Clubs Host Take Back the Night Event

Take Back the Night, an annual event to fight against violence and the fear of violence in the community, was held on Monday, October 28, 2013. It was sponsored by Abby's House, Green Dot, and SPEAK (Students Promoting Equity Activity Knowledge), and is an annual event to fight against violence the fear of violence in the community. Take Back the Night featured a speaker from the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence in Corvallis, reflection time, and a candle-lit walk through campus.

Alumni Updates



Western Oregon University (and Western Oregon State College) graduates are well-represented at the **Oregon State Police** patrol office in **The Dalles**. The following alumni (pictured above) gathered at Sgt. Julie Wilcox's (front row, second from left) recent retirement party.

Back Row (from left):

Michael Holloran graduated from WOU in 1998 with a Bachelors of Science in Law Enforcement. Michael worked seasonally for Oregon State Police as a Fish and Wildlife Cadet in 1996, and continued to serve until 1998. He was hired full time in The Dalles in January 1999 and is currently a Senior Trooper in the Patrol Division where he serves as an Occupant Protection Instructor for new recruits, a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician and keeps busy teaching Safety Belt Diversion Classes and Mobile Data Classes. Michael met his wife Jennifer at Western Oregon State College in 1995.

Brent and Emily Ocheskey. Brent graduated from WOU in 1999 with a Bachelors of Science in Law Enforcement and worked for Inter Tribal Fisheries Enforcement from 2000 to 2008. He accepted a position with the Oregon State Police in October of 2008 and was assigned to The Dalles Patrol office where he currently serves as Trooper in the Patrol Division. He stays busy as a Firearms Instructor and Drug Recognition Evaluator, and inspecting commercial motor vehicles. Emily Ocheskey graduated from WOU in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Humanities. She currently works at the Hood River Valley High School as a School-to-Career Advisor.

Swede Pearson graduated from Western Oregon State College in 1987 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. He was hired by OSP in 1988 and worked out of the Coos Bay and Newport field offices for 16 years before transferring to The Dalles in 2005. Swede is a Senior Trooper in the Fish and Wildlife Division and spends much of his summers working the Deschutes River.

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Front Row (from left):

Lori Rosebraugh graduated from Western Oregon State College (WOSC) in June, 1996. She worked seasonally for Oregon State Police as a Cadet from the summer of 1993 until she was hired full time by OSP in the fall of 1996. She has been in The Dalles her entire career of 16 ½ years, starting in the Patrol Division and later transferring to the Criminal Division. She currently serves as a Detective in the Major Crime Section.

Julie Wilcox graduated from WOSC in 1983 with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. She began her career with Oregon State Police at the Beaverton Office March 1st, 1987. In 1991 she transferred to McMinnville where she served until 1996. She then transferred to Portland as part of the Columbia River Gorge Patrol. In March of 1997 she transferred to The Dalles where she remained until her retirement in early 2013. Sergeant Wilcox worked as an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Instructor for many years as well as a Drug Recognition Evaluator.

Becky (Miller) Pearson graduated from WOSC in 1988 with a degree in Elementary Education. She was a substitute teacher for 21 years. Becky earned her speech language pathology certificate and has been a speech language pathology assistant the past 4 years in several local elementary schools. Becky married Senior Trooper Swede Pearson in 1988.

Janice Shortt graduated from WOSC with a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1990. She married Lieutenant Pat Shortt in 1989. Lt. Shortt is the current acting station commander at The Dalles Patrol Office.

Thaddeus Rouston (right) graduated from WOSC in 1995 with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice. Mr. Rouston was hired by Seaside Police Department in 1995, and then went to work for the Hood River Police Department in July of 1997. In March of 1998, the The Dalles branch of the Oregon State Police hired Rouston. He worked in the Patrol Division until January 2013 when he transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Division in The Dalles.



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.

Alumni Updates, continued.



Jorge Miranda, pictured at left with Corvallis Police Chief John Sassaman, grew up in Salem and is a 2007 graduate of North Salem High School. He completed his practicum with the Marion County Juvenile Department where he had the opportunity to observe the day-to-day activities of juvenile probation officers and see how exposure to the CJ system affects youths and their families. Shortly after graduating from WOU in June, 2012, he began working full time at the Marion County juvenile detention center. In October, 2013, he accepted a police officer position with the Corvallis Police Department.

Danny Ruiz (not pictured) graduated in June, 2013. He completed his practicum with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) during the summer of 2012. He recently graduated from DPSST and is currently employed full-time as a corrections deputy with the MCSO.

Students in the Spotlight

Carrie Gibson is a senior at WOU, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in psychology. She was born and raised on the Oregon Coast, and began her degree in the fall of 2010. In addition to being a member of the Newsletter staff, Carrie has been actively involved with the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial over the past year. She started volunteering last November at their annual auction, and has since attended most board meetings and started helping the volunteer coordinator organize and plan events.

Carrie completed her practicum at Oregon Youth Authority's Oak Creek Facility during summer, 2013. She is currently finishing up her last few classes (and preparing to graduate in March 2014) and applying for positions in youth corrections.



Ryan St. George (pictured during a visit to Japan as part of the Camp Adventure program) is a first-year graduate student enrolled in WOU's Master's in Criminal Justice program. Originally from Sherwood, Oregon, Ryan graduated from WOU last spring with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Business Administration. Ryan consistently earned impressive marks as an undergraduate student, making the Dean's List eleven (out of 12) times! After completing his practicum with the Marion County Juvenile Department, he accepted a paid position with Marion County Juvenile Detention. Once he completes his MA in CJ degree, Ryan plans to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.



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