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October 13, 2012

Time: 8:00 a.m.

MACJ Comp Exam

Location: Seattle University

November 14 – 17, 2012

American Society of

Criminology Conference

Location: Chicago, IL

February 18 – 23, 2013

American Academy of Forensic

Sciences Conference

Location: Washington D.C.

March 19 – 23, 2013

Academy of Criminal Justice

Sciences Conference

Location: Dallas, TX

April 13, 2013

Time: 8:00 a.m.

MACJ Comp Exam

Location: Seattle University

July 14 – 19, 2013

International Academy of Law

and Mental Health Congress

Location: Amsterdam

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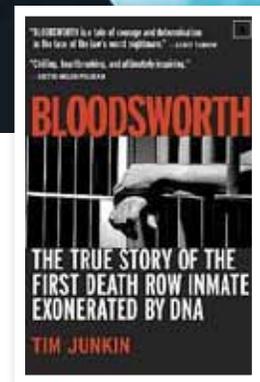
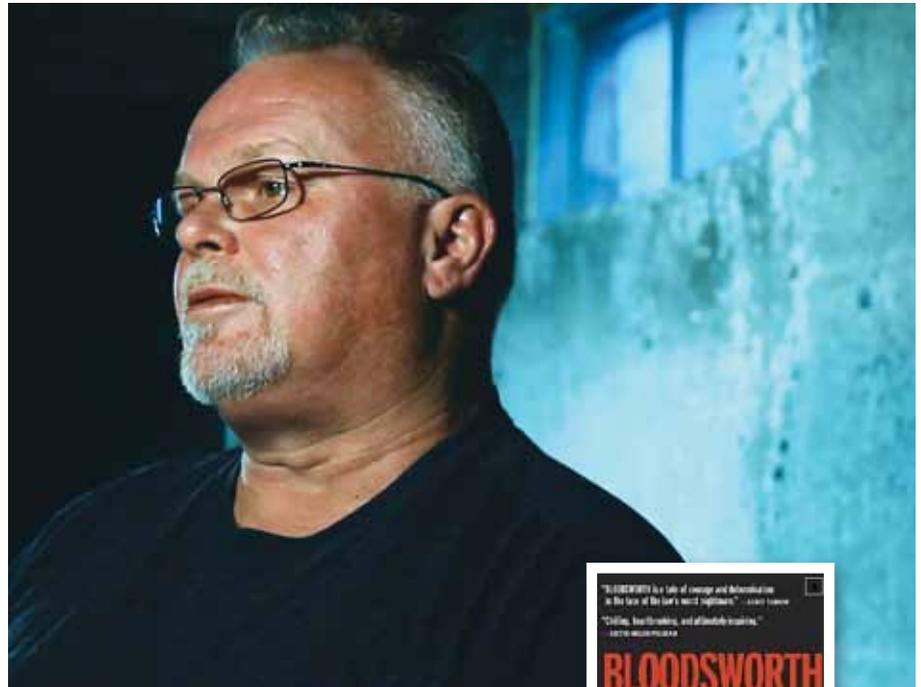
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COLLOQUIUM EVENT

DNA Exoneration: Kirk Bloodsworth

Date/time: November 6, 2012, 6 -9 p.m.

Location: The Commons, Casey Bldg

The Criminal Justice Department is welcoming back Kirk Bloodsworth to speak on campus in a colloquium event open to the public. Kirk Bloodsworth was the first individual sentenced to death row in the U.S. who was then exonerated by DNA fingerprinting. Kirk will present on his experience and engage the audience in a discussion.



Letter from the Director



ELAINE GUNNISON, Ph.D.

Welcome back to all of our returning MACJ students and welcome to the MACJ program to all the new students! This year promises to be jam packed full of exciting academic opportunities

sponsored by the Criminal Justice Department including colloquiums and several student thesis defenses. We hope to see you at these events.

Please be sure to carefully examine the dates for upcoming conferences on page 1. The Criminal Justice Department strongly encourages you to present/attend conferences as part of your education at SU. Attending conferences allows you to stay abreast of the current research and issues in discipline as well as affording you the opportunity to build a strong set of networks. There is a small travel stipend that you can apply for to help you attend. Please contact Devin for an application.

For all the new MACJ students, as Graduate Director of the MACJ program, I am always available to meet with you if you need advising in the form of course selection or career advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

If you have any contributions that you would like to make to the MACJ newsletter or have ideas about features for upcoming editions, please send them to me at gunnison@seattleu.edu or Devin at mackrell@seattleu.edu.

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COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Qualitative Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRJS 512: WINTER 2013

The seminar is designed to expose students to the major qualitative research methods (e.g., ethnographic, intensive interview, unobtrusive methods) and for students to apply these skills within a service learning context. In past sessions of the course, students worked collaboratively with the SPD and with the Belltown Community Council to better understand the potential for crime and criminality within the City's planned Belltown Park Boulevard, 17,000 square feet of park space which will pierce through an area long known for open air narcotics sales. Student projects focused on topics such as crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED), fear of crime, and crime and nightlife. In support of the service learning component, students also explored the problems, issues, and outcomes of influential published scholarship. Don't miss the chance to take this applied and fascinating course from Professor Rice in Winter 2013!!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Elisabeth Gribble



Elisabeth was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but raised in Washington when her family relocated to the State due to her father who was in the Navy was transferred. Not long after she came to Washington her mother and father divorced and her mother was left to raise four children on her own. Throughout her childhood, the events that led to her parent's divorce, and watching her mother struggle to get a job and raise her children made Elisabeth value education as a way

of achieving her dreams despite the challenges you are faced with. Her dream was always to help people in need, people like her mother, like her siblings, and like herself. She not only wanted to help victims who come from all walks of life and varied situations, but individuals who often times do not have a voice in our justice system, but need one.

Years later, her family would move back to Pennsylvania, but she stayed in Washington, a young mother raising a son. Her educational journey started at eighteen and started small, with a G.E.D, but, for her this was a way to get a job to be able to support her son. After getting a job, she worked fulltime as a Computer Repair Technician while taking night classes at a local community college to get her Associates Degree. Three sleep deprived, coffee fueled years later, armed with her degree she applied, and was accepted to, Central Washington University's Undergraduate Criminal Justice Program. In December 2008, she graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. After graduation, she took a year off from school to focus on her son and to figure out her next move. Her focus on victims, specifically juveniles, led her to Seattle University's MACJ program. She learned about the joint MACJ/JD degree at the MACJ information session, which would allow her to accomplish both degrees in a shorter period of time. She believed that this degree would provide her with a tool that could make the most impact in her work with juveniles. She thought that through this degree program she would be provided with a tool that she could use to make the most impact for juveniles. She applied to the MACJ program, was accepted, and began classes while studying for the LSAT. This past

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FACULTY PROFILE

Jennifer Sumner

Dr. Sumner will be joining our faculty as an assistant professor this fall. She was most recently an assistant professor at Penn State Harrisburg after completing her doctorate in criminology, law, and society at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) in 2009. She received a Master of Arts degree in criminal justice from Rutgers University in New Jersey and a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Boston University. Dr. Sumner's research and teaching interests include correctional policy, practice, and culture; comparative punishment; qualitative research methods; and gender, sexuality, and the criminal justice system. Dr. Sumner has published in *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminal*



Justice Policy Review, and the *Journal of Contemporary Justice*, and is co-author of two reports to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on studies of violence and victimization in California prisons. She obtained funding from the National Science Foundation's Law and Social Science Program and Penn State Harrisburg's Office of Research and Graduate Studies to study transgender correctional policy in Italy and the United States. She is currently working on collecting and analyzing data from qualitative interviews with correctional staff and inmates on these issues to understand the management and treatment of this incarcerated population. In her

examination of correctional policy she takes into account both the broad cultural and organizational contexts in which policy develops and is implemented. One of her research goals is to contribute to existing efforts toward "public criminology" that connects research to policy. Dr. Sumner is also currently analyzing survey data collected with a colleague that examine the role of stress and social support in the experiences of military families. This interdisciplinary work is part of her larger efforts to understand how organizational policy can address emerging problems, specifically in gendered organizations. Dr. Sumner spends her free time playing soccer and being outside, especially by the water, with her family and friends. She also enjoys going to art shows and live music and dance performances.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Beck Strah, 2010

Beck grew up in Eagle River, Alaska and received his Bachelor's of Psychology from University of Alaska Anchorage. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he moved to Seattle to work towards his Master's in Criminal Justice, with an aim to work in law enforcement.

In May 2009, Beck started work with Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott as a research assistant, recording and analyzing data pertaining to the conditions conducive to sex offender release in Washington State. He presented this data at the American Society of Criminology conference in November 2010, and co-presented with Dr. Helfgott at the Western Society of Justice conference in February 2011. Beck and Dr. Helfgott have since co-authored an article on the topic, Actuarial Prediction in Determinate-Plus Sex Offender Release Decisions, scheduled for publication in *Criminal Psychology* by Praeger Publishers in January 2013. Beck plans to attend the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress Conference in Amsterdam to present



again in July 2013. His work in research has provided him with a desire to continue his education, and he hopes to work towards a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice in the near future.

In June 2010, Beck started as intern for Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, working out of their South Precinct, assisting property detectives in search warrants, surveillance operations, evidence collection, and updating property databases. Following his internship, he continued with the Sheriff's Office, working for their records department

before being hired as a Custody Deputy for Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau. He enjoys his work and looks forward to the daily challenges it presents.

In his spare time, Beck enjoys hiking, fishing, camping, working out, reading, trivia and traveling. Beck also serves as an Alumni advisor for the Seattle University Kappa Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service organization.

Elisabeth Gribble (Cont'd from page 2)

March she received her acceptance letter from Seattle University School of Law. She began her first law school class, Criminal Law, this past summer. Although she knows that there are many more sleep deprived, coffee induced years ahead of her, she knows once everything is said and done that the MACJ/JD joint degree will place her in the best position to really foster a change in our juvenile justice system. In her spare time, she enjoys running and swimming, although, currently any spare time she is afforded is spent with her son, attending his basketball games, helping him with homework and watching movies together.

Faculty Research NEWS

DR. COLLINS is currently working on an evaluation of a non-profit organization that provides civil-legal representation and other support services to at risk youth. He is also continuing his research on the intersection of social support and public policy formation, the impact of the current financial crisis on jail bail and bond decisions, and is working with criminal justice faculty on an evaluation of the IF Project.

DR. GUNNISON and Jackie Helfgott just finished writing a draft of their book, *Success on the Streets: Creating Opportunities for Offender Reentry* for Lynne Rienner Publishers. She is currently working on a book proposal for a women and crime text (with Lynne Goodstein).

DR. HELFGOTT recently completed a number of projects including a 4-volume Edited Criminal Psychology Reference set (Praeger) forthcoming in January 2013, a co-authored book (with Elaine Gunnison) entitled *Success on the Streets: Creating Opportunities for Offender Reentry* (Lynne Rienner), an evaluation of the Seattle Police Department Crisis Intervention Response Team Pilot Program (with Matt Hickman), and is currently finishing up a book project entitled *No Remorse: Psychopathy & Criminal Justice* (Sage). She is also currently co-investigator with CJ Department faculty – Gunnison, Collins, Rice, and Sumner) on an evaluation of the Seattle Police Department's "IF" Project.

DR. HICKMAN is currently working on an edited volume entitled, *Forensic Science and the Administration of Justice* (Sage), which will compile current social science research on the forensic sciences. He is also working with MACJ graduate Loren Atherley on an analysis of Seattle Police Department use of force records to see if they can replicate the Department of Justice's findings in their recent investigation

DR. PARKIN is currently working on research that focuses on the victims of ideologically motivated homicides committed by the extreme far-right in the United States. In addition, he is also involved in a related project that examines the methodological issues specific to defining and measuring ideology in terrorism and extremist research.

DR. RICE is working on articles focusing on the application of perceived injustice and negative affect in the origins of terrorism/radicalization (with Robert Agnew) and the distribution of affect across urban ecological units and social populations. He is also working on a book proposal.

DR. SUMNER is currently working on qualitative research on transgender correctional policy and culture in Italy and in the United States.



SEVERAL STUDENTS PICTURED AT THE RECENT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY IN JUNE OF 2012. THOSE PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: TENESHIA THURMAN, LAUREN JAY, SHANNON TODD, LINDSEY UY-JOHNSON, ALICIA JORDAN.

Student News

MARY AMBERG (2012 alum) welcomed the arrival of her son, Weston Cash Vedder, early in the morning on January 2, 2012.

NANCY GARCIA (2012 alum) welcomed the arrival of her daughter, Selene Arlyn Garcia, on January 17, 2012 at 12:53 p.m.

IAN LAWSON (2010 alum) was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army and is currently stationed in Hohenfels, Germany.

MONICA LEDERHOS (2010 alum) has obtained a position as an ID Tech at the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) unit of the King County Sheriff's Office.

LOMO MAWAKII (current MACJ student) welcomed his daughter, Ameerah Lucky Mawakii, on March 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

LINDSEY UY-JOHNSON (2012 alum) was accepted into the University of South Florida where she will pursue her Ph.D. degree in Criminology.

TENESHIA THURMAN (2012 alum) was accepted into George Mason University where she will pursue her Ph.D. degree in Criminology, Law, and Society.

Current MACJ Students, **CECILIE WILHELM, MARY JORDAN, MARDA WILLIAMS, AND KIM SHEA** had their project, "Low-level Offenses and Excessive Force: A Protocol Development for the Seattle Police Department" accepted for a poster presentation at the upcoming ASC conference in Chicago.



AMEERAH LUCKY MAWAKII



IAN LAWSON IN GERMANY WITH HIS BELOVED DOG

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