



2013 CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES PROGRAM ALUMNI PANEL

Criminal Justice Studies Fall 2014



CJSP Alumni

Each fall, fifteen alumni return to campus during homecoming week to participate on a panel. In addition to reminiscing about experiences in Baldwin Hall or Sanford Stadium, these alums reflect on their own career choices and provide advice on what students should be doing on campus now so that they will be able to achieve their post-graduation goals. These alumni represent many career fields—lawyers in private practice, prosecutors, federal-state-local law enforcement, juvenile justice, corrections, corporate security, natural resources, to name a few. 2013 Panel members shared several observations (see the photo above) for students who are thinking about a career in criminal justice. First, alums noted that careers are built incrementally: experience in entry level positions provides an important training ground for more selective positions. Second, agencies are looking for employees who demonstrate leadership potential. Students should not only join campus and community organizations, they should consider pursuing leadership opportunities in those activities. Third, work in criminal justice is rewarding but requires employees who are prepared to face special challenges in the public sector. Finally, students should consider pursuing a second language given the increasingly diverse population. If you are interested in participating in a panel, please contact the Program office.



We recently recognized John Heinen (above, class of '89) for his service to the CJSP. As a student at UGA, John was active on campus and consistently recognized for academic excellence, including Phi Beta Kappa. Selected as the outstanding senior in criminal justice, John graduated summa cum laude and began his law enforcement career shortly after with the Clarke Co. Police Dept. He joined the GBI in 1990 serving until his retirement in 2014 to become VP of the Georgia Lottery. At the GBI, he began as a field agent and rose through the ranks serving as assistant special agent in charge, special agent in charge, and then as Inspector, command staff leader. For over twenty years, John has met with students, assisted internship placements, and offered advice to students at alumni panels. Thanks so much to John, and all our alums, who donate their time, talent, and financial support to the CJSP.



Susette Talarico lecture

Deputy Chief Michael Downing delivered the lecture to a capacity crowd in April, 2015. Serving as the head of LAPD's Counter-Terrorism and Special Ops. bureau, Chief Downing has also worked with USDOJ, traveling to South America and Africa, to help transition large national police organizations into democratic civilian policing models. His lecture emphasized the importance of partnerships between community leaders, federal, state, and local officials in addressing security threats associated with violent extremism.



Scholarships in Criminal Justice

Santana Mowbray was recognized for winning the Sherry Lyons-Williams scholarship in 2013-14. Since its inception, 20 students have received over \$25,000 in scholarships from this fund.

Sherry Lyons-Williams Scholarship Fund

Established in 2001 by friends and family of Sherry Lyons-Williams, a UGA graduate and Atlanta police officer killed in the line of duty. Michelle White was the first recipient. Below (L-R): Kathy Papa, Sarah Baines, Michelle, (former) Chief Beverly Harvard, Trisha Wilson, and Susette Talarico. After graduating, Michelle embarked on a career in community corrections, working with at-risk families in GA and NC.



Above: Outstanding Senior, Trevor Buhr



James T. (Tommy) Morris Scholarship Fund

Established to honor Tommy Morris, a 34 year criminal justice professional with two decades of service on the state board of pardons and paroles, this fund provides scholarship stipends to students during the semester of the internship. After making its first awards in 2013, this fund has now provided nine stipends to criminal justice interns. Above, Danita Chiles received a Morris scholarship to intern at the Georgetown Law Criminal Justice Clinic as part of UGA's Washington Semester Program.



Above: Seniors recognized for academic excellence. One-third of CJ majors graduated with at least a 3.5. Below: Nicole Andrejko ('01) gives the commencement message



Susette M. Talarico Fund

From 1984-2006, Dr. Talarico served as director of the CJSP. Known for her innovative approach to teaching and mentoring, she served as the driving force in the development of the criminal justice degree program. In 2014, the Fund awarded scholarships to two outstanding criminal justice students, Robyn Brown and Lindsay DeFrancesco (see photo above) for having demonstrated excellence in public service leadership. Originally established by Dr. T's former students, friends, and family, this fund has also provided support for an annual lecture series.

For two decades, with donor support, the CJSP has held a banquet honoring majors who will be graduating in that year. In this issue, we celebrate the class of 2014>>

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Above: Justin Nixon and family with Dr. Natasha Ganem and Dr. Rich Vining

