Congratulations, Class of 2022!

We were so excited to gather with our Spring and Summer graduates, their families, and CJ faculty and staff on May 13th to celebrate all of their incredible accomplishments. They had a unique college experience, and we are so proud of this group of graduates!

CJ Society officers Sydney Sloan, Jordan Bell and Abigayle DuChateau helping with convocation.

Convocation at the Rotunda in the MLC.
We will miss you, Dr. Haire!

Dr. Susan Haire has served as Director of Criminal Justice Studies for the last 9 years. Her dedication to the program and students is unmatched. Thank you for being an outstanding leader and mentor. We wish her the very best in her new venture as Department Head of Political Science--Congratulations, Dr. Haire!

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New Director of Criminal Justice Studies

We are thrilled to announce Dr. Sarah Shannon as the new Director of Criminal Justice Studies!

Dr. Shannon received her PhD from the University of Minnesota and began her career at the University of Georgia in 2013. She is a highly awarded professor and researcher- she has received many incredible awards, most recently named a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor. This is the university’s highest recognition for excellence in instruction.

What brought you to UGA?
I finished my PhD in Sociology at the University of Minnesota in 2013. I had a couple of job offers but UGA provided the best opportunity for both my spouse (the “other” Dr. Shannon in the Geography Department) and me to pursue our careers. So, we moved with our two sons to Georgia and have loved living and raising our kids in Athens.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?
I’m very proud of the awards I’ve received for teaching (most recently the Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship). I’m very humbled to be recognized by my peers in this way because I’m very passionate about the craft of teaching and the impact that high quality instruction can have on our students (and our society). It’s such a tremendous joy to teach the amazing students we have at UGA, so receiving awards for doing that well is icing on the cake!

What is a hope or goal you have for the Criminal Justice Studies Program?
Our program is already very strong, and our majors are future leaders for Georgia and beyond in their chosen fields. My hope is to build on that strong foundation with more support to equip students to blossom in their careers, especially through the capstone internship and other experiential learning opportunities. I’m also keen to expand ways for students to engage in important and timely conversations around diversity, equity, and inclusion in the criminal justice field.

What is a fun fact you would like CJ students to know about you?
I’m from Minnesota, a unique and very different place from Georgia. This means that I think of ice skating as a basic life skill (along with swimming for when the lakes melt in spring/summer). I was a competitive figure skater as a teenager (no Olympic dreams, though, and no, I’ve never done a quadruple jump) and then played hockey as a graduate student. In Minnesota, there’s a whole statewide league for adult women’s hockey. It was a great way to work out the stress of my dissertation! I spent a fair amount of time in the “sin bin” for penalties (every single one was a bad call by the refs - ha!). These days I enjoy a casual skate every now and again, and I always love to see southerners give it a try!
While earning her degree with a minor in Sociology, Analla served as Director of Marketing with Red Cross at UGA. She was also a Shift Leader with Campus Kitchen, a food recovery/redistribution program. She begins the next chapter working in Record Restriction with the Fulton County’s District Attorney’s office.
Criminal Justice Society pursues many different outlets within the Criminal Justice field. They hold bi-weekly meetings with professionals practicing various careers. The goal for these meetings is to put the members in contact with different professionals in the field of Criminal Justice to further the member’s outreach in a desired field. Aside from the meetings, they host many activities such as volunteering at UGA Foodshed and a field trip to the Athens-Clarke County Jail. The objective as a society is to give CJS members first-hand experience in all fields of Criminal Justice and give them the opportunity to make connections with professionals in their field of study.

We’d love to have you join the Criminal Justice Society! Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Pinnacle Room in Baldwin Hall. For more information, please feel free to contact the president, Jordan Bell at jordan.bell1@uga.edu

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Support Criminal Justice Studies

Alumni support is so important for the current and future students of the CJS Program.

The Susette Talarico fund has supported an annual lecture series on current issues facing practitioners bringing together students, practitioners, and the community. The Talarico fund also provides support to scholarship awards made to criminal justice seniors who have served their community and campus with distinction.

Multiple funds provide scholarships to students during the internship semester, such as the Doris Porter fund and James T. Morris fund. Others provide support for field trips and other professional development opportunities (the Doris Porter and Will Bush funds). The Sherry Lyons-Williams fund and Kenneth McCarthy fund have awarded scholarships to nearly 50 criminal justice students in the past 15 years. Each year, the Program hosts an annual recognition banquet for seniors who are able to attend without cost as a result of generous donations to the Discretionary fund.

To find out more information about these funds, please visit: https://cjstudies.uga.edu/support-criminal-justice-studies