



DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Opening Remarks from Gary LaFree

Welcome to the University of Maryland Criminology and Criminal Justice Newsletter!

Hi Friends, Colleagues and Graduates of the University of Maryland's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice!

Like most university departments around the nation, CCJS has been in large part teaching online during fall 2020. Interestingly, despite this fact, CCJS has the highest undergrad enrollments that we have seen in ten years. We also were able to take advantage of the COVID-19 crisis by carrying out an extensive overhaul of the front offices of LeFrak. Those of you who have not been in good old LeFrak for a while may not recognize the place when you return—new paint, carpeting and high-tech lighting have been added. I just want to sing the praise of our staff and our 75 tenure stream and teaching faculty who have continued to do their very best to maintain the teaching and research mission of the department through these challenging times.

And despite these challenges, it has been a remarkably successful year in terms of bringing in new faculty. This year Rachel Ellis joined us from the University of Missouri St. Louis and Rob Stewart arrived from the University of Minnesota. In spring 2021, we will welcome Zubin Jelveh from the University of Chicago. Starting in Fall 2021, we will be joined by

Bobby Brame, from the University of South Carolina and Brooklynn Hitchens from Rutgers. We are also pleased to announce the hiring of two new full-time teaching faculty: Kyle Dorsey and Jessica Miller.

COVID-19 hit at exactly the same time as our graduate recruitment was getting under way. Nevertheless, we welcomed nine new graduate students to the program in the fall. Our graduate student recruitment this year has been entirely online, including an online open house in March. In spite of the challenges, we are hoping to bring in a large new cohort of graduate students for fall 2021.

I am sure I echo the thoughts of everyone when I say that we are all very much looking forward to the day when we can return to our newly renovated offices in LeFrak!

Please continue to share your stories with us at ccjs-admin@umd.edu!

Very best wishes and above all else, please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Gary LaFree
Professor and Chair



FEATURED NEWS

John Laub Appointed as UMD Professor Emeritus

The title of Professor Emeritus is bestowed upon John in recognition of his meritorious service to the University in the areas of teaching, research, and service. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

Peter Reuter Named UMD Distinguished University Professor

The title of Distinguished University Professor recognizes Peter for his excellence as a scholar, teacher and public servant. He is known for his influential work on alternative drug policies in the United States and Western Europe. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

Shawn Eastman Awarded the 2020 Kendall Service Award for Excellence in Teaching

Shawn Eastman has been a law enforcement officer in Maryland since 1997. He currently serves as the Special Operations Bureau Lieutenant with the Gaithersburg Police Department in Maryland. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

CCJS Welcomes Seven New Faculty Members

CCJS is pleased to welcome our new faculty members! These new colleagues will add a diverse set of insights and skills to our growing department. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

CCJS Renovation Update

The second phase of the major facelift of LeFrak Hall is now complete! [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

Wendy Stickle Receive Funding to Conduct Research on Modern Slavery

Dr. Wendy Stickle was awarded funding to conduct research in Northern Africa and Italy to examine the coping mechanisms and resilience of forced migrants. [Read More](#)

FEATURED VIDEO



[Dr. John Laub](#)

As an installment in our Criminology for the 21st Century video series, Professor Emeritus John Laub discusses crime and life course.

[Watch now!](#)

IN MEDIA

May 12

Greg Midgette was interviewed by [Maryland Today](#) on his study examining the effectiveness of the state's 24/7 Sobriety Program which was published in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

June 4

Maria Vélez was interviewed by [The Washington Post](#) about how police are consistently much whiter than the people they serve.

June 18

Sally Simpson's article White-Collar Crime: A Review of Recent Developments and Promising Directions for Future Research was included as a "Deep Dive" item in a [Q&A with Mihailis Diamantis](#) about punishing corporate crime.

Aug 31

Denise Gottfredson was interviewed by the Crime and Justice Research Alliance (CJRA) in their August newsletter about her research on school safety and school social climate.

Oct 14

Thomas Mauriello was featured in Maryland Today about his new mobile app designed to help investigators avoid errors by guiding them step by step as they work at the scene of a crime.

These are some of the many notable media mentions.
For more, please visit our website.

EVENTS AND STAY CONNECTED

After Selma: Voter Suppression in the South.

CCJS is sponsoring a webinar to show a documentary film and with comments by civil rights activist, Joanne Bland, and documentary filmmaker, Loki Mulholland.

This event is co-sponsored by Bowie State and the Social Justice Alliance.

Friday, February 26, 2021, 1:30pm EST.

To register, please email Jessicat@umd.edu.

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