



CCJS E-NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2019

**Welcome to the New 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!

It has been a very exciting year in CCJS. We welcomed three new faculty members to the Department. Maria Velez and Greg Midgette have just finished their second semester and Bianca Bersani will be joining us in the fall. We are planning to hire four more faculty during the coming year. We also celebrated the election of Sally Simpson as President of the American Society of Criminology, Laura Dugan as the Vice President and Brian Johnson as a member of the Executive Board—where they will join Maria Velez—who is already an Executive Board member. We also cheered upon hearing that Peter Reuter had received the Stockholm Prize in Criminology and Sally Simpson was named a Sutherland Fellow. We are very pleased to welcome a new cohort of 14 graduate students to our PhD program. In the attached newsletter we go through just a few of the highlights of CCJS over the past semester.

For a great opportunity to network with your colleagues from UMD's CCJS Department, join us at the National Law Enforcement Museum (444 E St NW, Washington, DC) on June 5, 6:30-8:30 pm. We will have a short talk on the opioid crisis by Peter Reuter and guests will be able to tour the museum. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please continue to share your stories with us at ccjs-admin@umd.edu! Tell us about your achievements and successes and we will try and feature some of these in upcoming newsletters. We hope you will enjoy hearing the latest about Criminology and Criminal Justice at Maryland! And please plan to come back and visit sometime.

Gary LaFree
Professor and Chair



FEATURED NEWS

Reflecting on 20+ Years Since "The Maryland Report"

Maryland report, led by Lawrence Sherman, substantially impacted scientific and public policy discourse on crime prevention. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

2019 Fishlinger Lecture featuring Barney Frank

Former U.S. Representative Frank describes how he helped pass the landmark Dodd-Frank Bill. [Read More](#)



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New Online Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Administration

Certificate will prepare criminal justice professionals for their next level of career advancement [Read More](#)



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CCJS Hosts Meeting with Maryland Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP)

UMD researchers from various colleges propose innovative pilot projects to GOCCP officials. [Read More](#)



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CCJS Summer Education Abroad in Italy Returns for Fourth Year

Students will spend two weeks learning about human trafficking in context. [Read More](#)



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Shelby Hickman Selected for Fulbright Award

Doctoral candidate's project will study the effectiveness of a human trafficking law in Brazil. [Read More](#)



STUDENT NEWS

Anna Bieganowska

Anna is an undergraduate senior and plans to become an intelligence analyst after graduation. [Read More](#)

FEATURED VIDEO

**Dr. María Vélez**

As an installment in our [Criminology for the 21st Century video series](#), Associate Professor María Vélez discusses immigration and its relation to crime.

[Watch now!](#)

IN MEDIA

Jan 2

Peter Reuter co-authored an essay on China's role in the US fentanyl problem in the online version of Foreign Affairs.

Mar 1

Greg Midgette discusses why drugs are so expensive in America in an interview with Vice Magazine.

Mar 10

Gary LaFree was quoted in New York magazine article on why domestic terrorism is still a greater threat than Islamic terrorism.

These are some of the many notable media mentions.

For more, please visit our [website](#).

EVENTS AND STAY CONNECTED

Terps in Law Enforcement: Combating the Opioid Crisis

June 5, 6:30-8:30 pm, National Law Enforcement Museum. [Click here to Register](#)

The Department is planning to host a few special events in Spring 2019.

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