



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!

It has been a very exciting year in CCJS. We are very pleased to welcome four new faculty members to the Department. Bobby Brame will be joining us from the University of South Carolina, Rob Stewart will be coming on board from the University of Minnesota, Rachel Ellis is joining us from the University of Missouri –St. Louis, and Brooklynn Hitchens from Rutgers will be coming on board for a one-year postdoc followed by a full-time appointment. Peter Reuter did a fantastic job of delivering the Stockholm Prize lecture. We also got a chance to catch up with many of you at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco. At the Maryland reception, we celebrated President elect Sally Simpson, Vice President Elect Laura Dugan, and ASC Executive Board members Brian Johnson, Maria Velez and Jean McGloin. We also want to congratulate Terry Thornberry for receiving the ASC Division on Developmental Life course Criminology's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award and Gary LaFree for receiving the ASC Division of Terrorism and Bias Crime's Distinguished Scholar Award. In the

attached newsletter, we go through just a few of the highlights of CCJS over the past semester. Keep an eye out for the Paternoster Memorial Lecture—which will be held on campus this spring. 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.

Gary LaFree

Professor and Chair



FEATURED NEWS

Terence Thornberry Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes Terry for his record of sustained and outstanding contributions on developmental and life course criminology. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

Sally Simpson Named UMD Distinguished University Professor

The title of Distinguished University Professor recognizes Sally for her excellence as a scholar, teacher and public servant. She is known as one of the world's most important figures in the study of corporate crime. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

Gary LaFree Awarded the ASC Division of Terrorism and Bias Crime's 2019 Distinguished Scholar Award

The ASC Division of Terrorism and Bias Crime's 2019 Distinguished Scholar Award honors Gary for his distinguished scholarship in the field of terrorism and bias crimes. [Read More](#)



FEATURED NEWS

The Maryland Data Analysis Center (MDAC) Awarded a New Grant

MDAC will be hosting a one-day conference to share the final results of multiple studies completed about the Maryland criminal justice system. [Read More](#)



STUDENT NEWS

Taylor-Omaree Smith named as the BSOS Student Commencement Speaker Winter 2019

Smith is an undergraduate senior who has worked to make a mark on the community and the University and attends the University on a full scholarship through the Incentive Rewards Program. [Read More](#)



ALUMNI NEWS

Two-Time Super Bowl Champion and CCJS Alum Torrey Smith to Deliver BSOS Winter 2019 Commencement Address

For the first time since he was 13 years old, Torrey Smith's fall weekends aren't fixated on football. The former Terps football standout announced his retirement in September after eight years in the National Football League. [Read More](#)



ALUMNI NEWS

CCJS Alumni Florent Groberg elected to University of Maryland Alumni Hall of Fame

As a U.S. Army captain, Groberg earned the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration, for extraordinary bravery during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2012. [Read More](#)



ALUMNI NEWS

CCJS Alumni Alex Piquero recognized as a Highly Cited Researcher by Web of Science

Each year, the Web of Science Group identifies the world's most influential researchers. Alex was recognized for his exceptional research influence for his field and year in Web of Science. [Read More](#)

FEATURED VIDEO

BSOS Presents

CRIMINOLOGY

FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

with **Peter Reuter**

Dr. Peter Reuter

As an installment in our Criminology for the 21st Century video series, Professor Peter Reuter discusses drug policy, drug markets and domestic demand, and the impact of fentanyl.

[Watch now!](#)

IN MEDIA

- Oct 28** Wade Jacobsen was mentioned in an [article by The Society Pages](#). The article discusses how school suspension in rural communities impacts current friendships and future engagement with antisocial peers.
- Aug 21** Laura Dugan was interviewed for [Time's article "Parkland Shooting Survivors Just Proposed Aggressive New Gun Restrictions. Here's What's in Their Plan."](#)
- Aug 20** James Trusty was interviewed by [Fox News](#) to talk about Jeffrey Epstein autopsy results.
- Aug 20** Greg Midgette spoke with [U.S. News and World Report](#) about his recent report on illegal drug spending in the U.S. from 2006 to 2016.

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Lawrence Sherman was quoted in a [New York Times article](#) on how the current criminal justice system isn't doing enough to prevent intimate partner violence.

These are some of the many notable media mentions.
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2020 Paternoster Annual Lecture

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