FRENG APPOINTED NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Associate Professor ADRIENNE FRENG was appointed chair of the Department of Criminal Justice effective August of 2013, replacing Robert Schuhmann who had served for the previous three years.

Originally from South Dakota, Freng joined the Department of Criminal Justice as an assistant professor in the fall of 2001 after completing her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In May of 2007, Freng was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor. Her areas of research include criminology and juvenile justice, gangs, race and crime, American Indian issues, and research methods. Her research has led to many publications in professional journals and books, presentations at national conferences, and an appointment to the Governor’s State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice. Freng has won numerous awards, the most recent being the 2012 Extraordinary Merit in Research award. She also serves on the advisory board for the American Indian Studies Program and advisor to Alpha Phi Sigma.

Freng is married to Scott Freng, academic professional lecturer in the Department of Psychology.

CJ MASTER’S PROGRAM TO LAUNCH FALL 2014

The Department of Criminal Justice in cooperation with the Department of Political Science, will begin offering a criminal justice master’s program as a concentration through the Masters of Public Administration degree. At this time the program is still in the planning and approval stages so the specifics about classes offered or how many students will be accepted this first year have not been released. The department has been working diligently to get this program up and running, as it will provide a service not only to students, but to criminal justice professionals in the state and region. We anticipate accepting our first students into the program this coming fall. Keep watching!

Through the efforts of criminal justice faculty Adrienne Freng and Scott Culhane, and Tracy Skopek of the political science department, a $10,000 grant was awarded from the Office of Academic Affairs to help with recruiting and advertising expenses to promote the new program.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What an exciting time in the Department of Criminal Justice! We have undergone a number of changes and have more coming in the future, so it has been my pleasure and honor to become the new chair of such a dynamic department. I took over the reins as department chair from the very capable hands of Robert Schuhmann. During his time as chair, Bob did an extraordinary job of moving our department forward and many of the things outlined in this issue are a result of his wonderful leadership. This year, we also welcomed new faculty member John Boman. John represents a great new asset to our faculty and although we were a bit worried about him since he came from Florida, he seems to be embracing the winter quite well. We were also fortunate to have Patsy Taylor join us from the Department of Sociology. She brings to us a wealth of experience and knowledge and has been an extremely positive addition to our faculty. We also welcomed new office aid Maria Grossi to replace Colleen Marsh. Maria is doing a fantastic job for us and we are happy to have her in the office. Welcome to all of you!

Other exciting news includes the development of a joint graduate degree with the Master’s of Public Administration (MPA) Program in the Department of Political Science. (See article on page 1.)

Every year, I am continually impressed with the accomplishments of our students and this year is no different. The department was honored by having two A&S Outstanding Graduating Seniors, Timothy Antinick and Kirsten McAlexander. In our inaugural year with the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarship, we were able to award two scholarships. Our scholarship program would not be possible without the generosity of the Griffith family, Mr. John Shell, and most recently, the Wyoming Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Association. We are extremely thankful for their support of our students. (For more on scholarship and award winners, see page 3.)

As we all know, it is the people that make the organization successful and in this regard, I am extremely lucky to be surrounded by such a productive and talented group of individuals. This year Eric Wodahl received tenure and was promoted to associate professor. Congratulations, Eric! We also had a number of other award-winning faculty. Scott Culhane received the Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year, otherwise known as the PIE, award for the second time. Par for the course, Cheryl Burnett continued her award winning with both the Department’s Team Player Award and the Top 10 Teacher Award this year. Also continuing his award-winning ways, Cary Heck won the Mortar Board Top Professor Award, as well as the Distinguished Membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Award. Additionally, Patsy Taylor received grant funding to continue her research in the national parks. Both Shane Stone (Re-entry Task Force for the State of Wyoming) and Adrienne Freng (State Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice) served on advisory committees for the state. Additionally, all of our faculty, including Jason Lee, continue to be prolific researchers and engaging teachers. Last, but not least, our staff received various accolades last year. Laurie Sanchez was the recipient of the Extraordinary Staff Merit Award and Cathy Moen received her third Tip of the Cap Award. Well deserved, all!

Other highlights throughout the year included our annual CJ Job Fair in the spring and our annual Griffith Speaker in the fall. The CJ Job Fair was one of our biggest in recent years. The Criminal Justice Club is primarily responsible for this event and as always, they did a fantastic job. We were also able to welcome Dr. Rod Brunson to our campus as this year’s Griffith Speaker. We are always appreciative of the Griffith Funds which allow us to provide both of these opportunities.

So I end with how I started—it is an exciting time in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Wyoming. We hope that you all will keep in touch—we love to hear from our past students! Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing professionally. You may be featured in our next newsletter. We also hope that you will consider contributing to our department to support the many wonderful activities happening around here. Many of our students rely on these contributions without which they would not be able to complete their degrees or take advantage of many of the fantastic opportunities outlined here and elsewhere in the letter.

Onward and upward!
Adrienne Freng

2013 GRIFFITH SPEAKER

The 2013 Griffith Speaker was Dr. ROD K. BRUNSON, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Ph.D. Program Director, and Associate Director at Rutgers University. He spoke to an audience of over 100 students, staff, and faculty on the subject of race and police relations. The title of his talk was “Legitimacy, Race, and Police Community Relations.” Brunson’s research focuses on communities and violent crime, police-community relations, and qualitative research methods. His published work has appeared in several journals and publications including the British Journal of Criminology, Crime and Delinquency, Criminology & Public Policy, Gender & Society, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Sociological Quarterly, and Urban Affairs Review. He is the recipient of numerous awards, the most recent being the 2010 Tory J. Caeti Outstanding Young Scholar Memorial Award.

The annual Griffith Speaker Series is made possible by funding from the William D. Griffith Fund in Criminal Justice.
CJ HAS TWO 2013 A&S OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The Department of Criminal Justice was honored last May by having two Arts & Sciences Outstanding Seniors chosen from the department. **TIMOTHY ANTINICK** of Cheyenne, Wyoming and **KRISTEN MCALEXANDER** of Craig, Colorado were selected for the highly competitive award. Antinick graduated with dual majors in criminal justice with a forensic science concentration and psychology, as well as a minor in chemistry. His plans were to pursue med school after graduation. McAlexander graduated with a 4.0 grade point average with dual majors in criminal justice and psychology. Her plans were to work with at-risk youth after graduation and attend graduate school.

“To have two award winners in one year speaks volumes about the quality of students that come out of the criminal justice program,” said Academic Advisor Cathy Moen. We wish both graduates well in their future pursuits.

STUDENT AWARDS

**A&S TOP 20 GRADUATES**
- Timothy Antinick
- Kirsten McAlexander

**2013 CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB SERVICE AWARDS**
- Malcolm Ervin, President
- Andy McBride and Kathryn Nicola, VP
- Rudy Toman, Secretary
- Michael Barrett, Treasurer
- Austin Jordan, PR

**STUDENT SERVICE AWARD**
- Malcolm Ervin

**OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS**
- Sarah Gilbert
- Meagen Hildebrand
- Alia Scott

**WILLIAM D. GRIFFITH SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Sierra Collver, senior, $1500
- Emily DeWett, junior, $1500
- Patricia Schwindt, sophomore, $1500

**STUDENT AWARDS**

**JOHN R. SHELL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Koryn Herrera Jankord, $1500

**WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND CHIEFS OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Shelby Olson, $500
- Kourtnie Rodgers, $500

*Top: Cary Heck (r) presents Griffith Scholarship winners (l-r) Emily DeWett, Patricia Schwindt, and Sierra Collver.
Middle: Cary Heck (r) presents Koryn Herrera Jankord with Shell Scholarship. Koryn was also accepted into Alpha Phi Sigma.*
*Bottom: Pictured l-r, WYSCOP award winners Kourtnie Rodgers and Shelby Olson with Campus Chief of Police Michael Samp.*

THANK YOU, 2013 DONORS
- Cheryl Burnett
- Mark and Kathleen Nickel
CHERYL BURNETT and ERIC WODAHL received funding for their Chicago course: studying crime in an urban area.

PATSY TAYLOR was awarded funding for her research in the national parks.

SHANE STONE served on the re-entry task force for the state of Wyoming.

ADRIENNE FRENG served on the State Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice for the state of Wyoming.

SCOTT CULHANE won the Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year Award.

CHERYL BURNETT won the Department’s Team Player Award and the Top 10 Teacher Award.

CARY HECK won the Mortar Board Top Prof Award, as well as the Distinguished membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Award.

Laurie Sanchez: Extraordinary Merit Staff Award.

CATHY MOEN: Tip of the Cap for service to students.

Above: PIE award winner, Scott Culhane (r) with his nominator, Ryan Shepherd.

Top: Laurie Sanchez receiving her Staff Merit for Excellence award from Dean Walter (r) and department head Robert Schuhmann.

Middle: Cathy Moen (l) pictured with her Tip of the Cap nominator, Courtney Brackenrich.

Bottom: The faculty and staff in the Department of Criminal Justice like to have fun too. Rafting on the Poudre River last summer as part of the department’s retreat. Clockwise starting top left, our rafting guide Ben, Patsy Taylor, Jason Lee, Cathy Moen, John Boman, Shane Stone, Adrienne Freng, and Laurie Sanchez.
FORMER CJ GRAD RECEIVES AWARD FOR HEROISM

Sgt. ROBERT TERRY of the Laramie Police Department (LPD) and a 2001 criminal justice graduate was recognized by the LPD in March, 2013 for his heroism and quick thinking. On December 27, 2012 Terry pulled a suicidal man off the Curtis Street bypass saving his life and possibly preventing an accident on the interstate below. Terry risked his own life to pull the man to safety as the man was much heavier than Terry and could have easily pulled Terry over the bridge with him.

The Evanston, Wyoming native came to the University of Wyoming in 1996 undecided about a major. He thought about a career in medicine, but after meeting a game warden, he decided on law enforcement and he declared Administration of Justice (ADJU) through the Department of Political Science. Terry worked for United Parcel Service (UPS) while in college, which changed his career goal again with thoughts of working in UPS's loss prevention division, which required some experience in law enforcement. To get that experience, Terry did some “ride alongs” with the Flagstaff, Arizona and the Laramie Police Departments (LPD). However, it was through his interest in Motocross that he met some officers who urged him to test for a position with the LPD. By the time Terry graduated, the criminal justice program in political science had become its own department, so he was one of the first UW criminal justice graduates earning his degree in December of 2001. He began his testing with the LPD in February of 2002 and was hired in May of 2002.

Sgt. Terry credits his education at UW for preparing him for the rigors of the hiring process, which included oral and written exams. “There can be 40 applicants for one position, so it’s very competitive,” said Terry. He also credits his degree for opportunities at advancement. He started as a patrol officer and that led to a task force position with the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) as a special agent working primarily with drug cases. He then spent two years in the Laramie Police Department’s Detective Division before being promoted to a patrol sergeant working patrol shifts for the last four years. Terry was recently promoted to detective sergeant, which is a supervisory position over the Investigations Division. Terry said if it weren’t for the organizational, management, and computer skills he learned in college, he couldn’t do his job. His next goal is to pursue a lieutenant position.

Although there was a time when he was unsure about his goals and future, Terry said his time at UW helped him “mature and figure things out” and led him to a career he loves. Laramie is a safer community with Sgt. Terry looking out for all of us.

“Since graduating in December, I have started working as a probation officer at the Denver Adult Probation Department. I never would have thought that I would be presented with such an opportunity and be in a great place in my career so soon after graduating. I believe this is due to the level of education and many experiences the University of Wyoming Department of Criminal Justice offered. I have been here for six weeks and I love it! I am so thankful that my education led me to a fulfilling career.”

—Kasi Engebretsen, probation officer
This past fall, I had the amazing opportunity to spend my semester as a volunteer intern with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Yellowstone National Park. The Yellowstone office, one of four branches in Wyoming, prosecutes crimes committed within Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and the surrounding national forests. Through this experience, I not only saw the criminal justice system in action, but I also realized what I truly wanted to pursue as a career.

The magistrate court in Yellowstone only handles misdemeanor cases and is comparable to a municipal court. Some of my duties included contacting defendants to solidify plea agreements, providing discovery to defense attorneys and assisting the Assistant U.S. Attorney during all hearings in the courtroom. It became quickly apparent to me how many of the aspects of the criminal justice system that had been discussed in class were active in the justice system of Yellowstone National Park. The knowledge learned in my Criminal Courts and Processes class was invaluable to me because I was able to hit the ground running, instead of having to catch up. Fourth Amendment violations periodically occurred with cases and having taken Criminal Legal Procedure, I was able to point these out and be an effective team member. Through all of this, I now truly know that I want to go to law school and hopefully become a criminal prosecutor.

My time in Yellowstone was not purely focused on work. As an avid outdoorswoman, it was a treat to be able to take advantage of the hiking and fishing within Yellowstone. The window next to my desk had a fantastic view outside to where all the elk congregated during the rut and other wildlife passed through. I had an amazing experience and am fortunate enough to be returning for 12 weeks this summer!

The University of Wyoming and more specifically, the Department of Criminal Justice, prides itself on preparing students to work in the field of criminal justice. In the spring of May 2013 I graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and a double minor in anthropology and chemistry. I chose these areas of study because I was interested in a career in forensic science.

I graduated high school in Pinedale, Wyoming and grew up near Detroit, Michigan. I came to UW because of their science programs and declared the chemistry major. I turned solely to criminal justice after traveling to Chicago to participate in a summer class offered by the UW Department of Criminal Justice. Through that course I learned there was more to

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forensic science than working in a lab. I became curious about the legal side of forensics. I consulted with Dr. Cheryl Burnett about my complicated plans. She was very supportive of my goal to pursue forensic sciences. She is not a forensic science professor, but she helped me quite a lot in this journey. She was willing to be a reference for my potential job and research opportunities. Following is my story of how I found my career.

I called the coroner here in Laramie to see if there was any way that I could apprentice under her. I left several messages, and she finally called me back. She told me to turn in my resume to the office downtown. I not only turned in a resume, but also a list of references and a letter of intent. I received a call back from her after a few days saying she was very impressed with my qualifications. While I was excited to know that I was qualified enough for this position, there was not one currently available. She said she might have an opening in August. I told her I was heading out of the country for a couple of months to do mortuary archaeology field work in Spain, but I would check in with her when I got back, which I did. I dropped off an updated version of my resume and we proceeded to play phone tag. It was a month before we would meet. I met with Coroner Kathleen Vernon and Chief Deputy Coroner Amanda Pittman. After an extensive question and answer session, she was confident enough to give me a test run. Within that week, there was a suicide. I was there to observe only and take notes on the scene. After all the information was gathered, I was taught how to properly take pictures. We went to the morgue and conducted a toxicology analysis. This was my first test and I passed. I am now a deputy coroner for Albany County. I have worked with countless cases varying from suicide to natural deaths. I have transported bodies for autopsy, dealt with distraught families, talked with the funeral home once the body is released, conducted toxicology reports, and even exhumed a grave. I take the coroner’s basic certification exam at the police academy in June. This job has been so rewarding and my goal of working in the criminal justice system is now a reality. I’m also a researcher in the Department of Anthropology working with human skeletal remains. These opportunities were not just handed to me. I was persistent and motivated to use what I learned. Hard work and my degrees from UW made it all possible.

Being a graduate from this university is an honor and I am very blessed to have been a part of it. I not only learned and prepared properly for any field within the criminal justice system, but I have learned who I am and who I want to be.
BOMAN IS NEWEST CJ HIRE

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, **JOHN BOMAN** attended undergraduate studies at Ohio University (Athens), where he double majored in history (Southeast Asian and European concentrations) and sociology (criminology concentration). While he was an undergraduate, he also attended fire school and worked for four years at the Plains Fire Department.

After graduating in 2007, Boman left the fire department and immediately began pursuing graduate degrees in criminology at the University of Florida (Gainesville). As a master’s student, he studied under Chris Gibson and Ron Akers and was active in data collection, applied research, and served as a teaching assistant. Boman’s primary research interests in peer networks, substance use, gender, and quantitative methods can be traced back to this period of his academic career.

After receiving his master’s degree in 2010, Boman continued on to pursue a Ph.D. in criminology. After teaching several classes and taking comprehensive exams, Boman completed work on his dissertation under the tutelage of co-chairs Marv Krohn and Chris Gibson. While writing his dissertation, Boman applied for a position at UW in the Department of Criminal Justice. The combination of excellent faculty, a research-oriented department, and the lure of the Rockies made it an easy decision for him to accept the job offer.

Outside of work, Boman is loving his time in Laramie. He enjoys traveling, cars, motorcycles, and frequently bikes both on- and off-road. He is also an avid baseball, football, and college basketball fan. Since moving to Laramie, he has also taken up backcountry skiing and plans on gearing up for snowboarding next year.

TAYLOR JOINS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. **PATRICIA TAYLOR** moved over from the Department of Sociology last August to join the Department of Criminal Justice. She is teaching classes in research methods and inequality, crime, and the law, as well as taking on the role of Criminal Justice Club advisor. Taylor has been a welcome addition to the department. Her current research focus is on the nature of attitudes toward protected areas, such as national parks and forests.

Taylor is married to Dr. Burke Grandjean of the Department of Statistics. They have two grown children, son Perry and daughter Piper, and son-in-law Steve Targos. Their four-legged children are beloved rescue dogs, “Jackson” and “Jingles.”