



CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ENDOWMENT IN NAME OF FALLEN HERO

The family of Converse County Deputy **Bryan Gross**, who died a hero trying to rescue a teenage girl from the North Platte River in 2011 has named the UW Department of Criminal Justice as recipient of the Deputy Bryan Gross Memorial Scholarship. Gross was one of several rescuers who jumped into the swollen river to save the 14-year old girl, but drowned in the attempt. Several other rescuers were able to use a canoe to steer the girl to the bank.

Gross was 29 and lived in Douglas and had been married to his wife, Amy, for only a month before his death. He was named a Carnegie hero for his actions and was also honored with the Congressional Badge of Bravery.

The endowment will enable the department to fund one to three scholarships a year to University of Wyoming criminal justice majors interested in careers in law enforcement, with preference given to students who are current or former law enforcement officers. We would like to thank the Gross family for its generosity to the Department of Criminal Justice and the University of Wyoming.

Deputy Bryan Gross pictured with K9 companion, "Gus."
(Photo taken by Converse County Sheriff's Office.)



CHERYL BURNETT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Senior lecturer **Cheryl Burnett** who joined the department in 1996 when it was still the Department of Administration of Justice, recently announced her retirement effective the end of the spring 2015 semester. Along with teaching criminal justice law, legal, and ethics classes, Burnett was the advisor for the Pre-Law Club until 2014 and served as interim department head during the 2005–2006 academic year.

Not only has Burnett been the longest-standing faculty member of the criminal justice department, but also one of the most beloved by students, faculty, and staff alike. Her office wall is covered with awards too numerous to count, including several Top Ten Teacher Awards and Top Prof Awards, at least two Excellence in Advising awards, and she was honored with the prestigious John P. Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award in _____. Most recently, Burnett was nominated for the Promoting Intellectual Engagement in

the First Year (P.I.E.) award. Students have used these words in describing Burnett's teaching abilities: *Excellent, thorough, influential, effective, engaging, knowledgeable, always willing to help, caring...one of the best in the Criminal Justice Program.*

When asked about her thoughts on her decision to retire, Burnett said, "The mixture of emotions I am feeling is indescribable. I know it's the right time, but I know there will be times when I will be so sad that it is over. This hasn't only been a job, it's been a lifeline in so many ways. I have been so blessed!"

Her humor, her dedication to the department and students, and her candied pecans will be missed. We wish her and "Bailey Pup" all the best.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Adrienne Freng

As always, there is never a dull moment in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Wyoming and this year did not disappoint! We have undergone a number of changes and have some coming in the future. It has been my pleasure and honor to be chair of such a dynamic group of faculty, staff, and students. We are preparing to finally get our

new graduate program up and running this fall. We feel that it will provide a service not only to our students, but to criminal justice professionals in the state and region. This coming fall we will also be moving to a new University Studies curriculum and so we have spent this year preparing faculty and students to make that transition. We have been working hard with our community college partners to develop plans that will allow students who start at one of the Wyoming community colleges to graduate with their degree from the University of Wyoming in four years. Other highlights throughout the year included our annual CJ Job Fair this spring and our annual Griffith Speaker last fall. As always, the CJ Job Fair was well attended by both students and agencies. The Criminal Justice Club is primarily responsible for this and as always, they did a fantastic job. We were also able to welcome Dr. Doug Marlowe 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, as well as others. Finally, we were also extremely excited and honored to receive a generous donation to establish the Deputy Brian Gross Memorial Scholarship, which we were able to award to the first recipient at our annual awards banquet.

Speaking of scholarships and student achievement, every year, I am continually impressed with the accomplishments of our

students and this past year and a half has been no different. Last May, we had an A&S Outstanding Graduating Senior, Paige Hammer and this May, Susan Manown received this honor. The leadership provided by Mariah Hall and Janelle Klemm in their roles within the Criminal Justice Club resulted in them being awarded our Student Service Award. Alissa Przymus, Paige Hammer, and Kourtney Rodgers were recognized as our Outstanding Graduating Seniors last spring and this spring that honor went to Jeneil Boles, Alicia Young, and Michael Klepperich. Janelle Klemm, Emily DeWett, and Patricia Schwindt were selected as our Griffith Scholars in 2014 and Cindi Choal and Kaitlyn Coulter this spring. Zach Stellern and Austin Holcomb represent our most recent Shell scholarship recipients. We were also able to award Zach Stellern, Jeneil Boles, and Cindi Choal support through our Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarships. Jeneil Boles was also awarded the inaugural Deputy Brian Gross Memorial Scholarship this spring. These scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of giving from a number of individuals and organizations. We are extremely thankful for their support of our students.

Not only do we have extremely accomplished students, I am tremendously lucky to be surrounded by productive and talented faculty and staff. We had a number of award-winning faculty this year. Eric Wodahl received the A&S Top Ten Teacher Award, which is so deserved! Scott Culhane received a Mortar Board "Top Prof" Award and was nominated for the Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year, otherwise known as the PIE, award once again. The Department's Team Player Award went to Patsy Taylor. John Boman was also among the PIE nominees. Congratulations to all of you! In addition, Adrienne Freng served on the State Advisory Council for Juvenile Justice. Shane Stone is currently finishing up his Ph.D. in leadership and has been working with the Health Sciences and Human Services Advisory Board for the Natrona County School District.

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2014 GRIFFITH SPEAKER



Douglas Marlowe

The 2014 Griffith Speaker was **Douglas B. Marlowe**, J.D., Ph.D, Chief of Science, Law and Policy for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). He spoke to an audience of over 100 students, staff, and faculty. The title of his talk was "Evidence-Based Sentencing for Drug-Addicted and Mentally Ill Offenders."

Marlowe served on the NADCP Board of Directors, chairing the research committee and the drug policy reform committee. He's the former director of the Division of Law & Ethics Research at the Treatment Research Institute, and former associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. A lawyer and clinical psychologist, Marlowe's research focuses on the role of coercion in drug abuse treatment, the effects of drug courts and other diversion programs for drug-abusing offenders, and behavioral treatments for substance abusers and criminal offenders. He has received numerous state and federal research

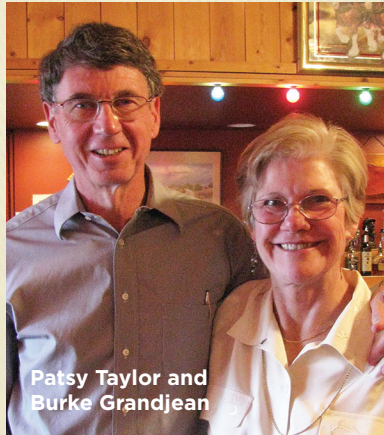
grants to study coercion in drug abuse treatment, the effects of drug courts and other diversion programs for drug abusers involved in the criminal justice system, and behavioral treatments for drug abusers and criminal offenders. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and has received proficiency certification in the treatment of psychoactive substance use disorders from the APA College of Professional Psychology. Marlowe has published over 125 professional articles and chapters on the topics of crime and substance abuse. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Drug Court Review* and is on the editorial board of *Criminal Justice & Behavior*.

The annual Griffith Speaker Series is made possible by funding from the William D. Griffith Fund in Criminal Justice.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The department experienced several personnel changes last year and will see more changes in the coming year.

Patricia (Patsy) Taylor announced her retirement at the end of the 2015 spring semester. Along with her teaching load, she was the Criminal Justice Club advisor. Taylor joined the Department of Criminal Justice in the fall of 2013 after spending 18 years in the sociology department and prior to that, she was the department chair in women's studies from 1990 to 1995. Taylor's husband, Burke Grandjean (UW statistics department,) will be joining her in retirement. They are excited to begin their new life as "snowbirds" spending winters in Taylor's home state of Texas and summers west of Laramie in their mountain cabin. Taylor will be missed by all, students and staff alike. We wish Patsy and Burke the best of luck in their retirements.



Patsy Taylor and Burke Grandjean

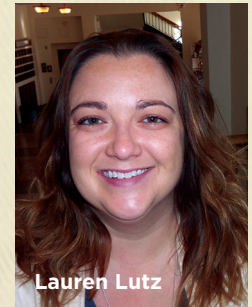
Dr. Cary Heck resigned from UW last summer to accept an opportunity in Denver, Colorado as director of the Crime Prevention and Control Commission. He's also teaching classes at Metro State University. Heck is another member of the faculty who will be missed by both staff and students alike.

Dr. Jason Lee, who taught the department's policing classes also resigned last spring to accept another teaching position at the University of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh.

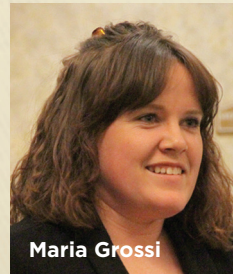


Cathy Moen

Lauren Lutz who came to UW from the Chicago area as advising coordinator last fall, has announced she will be moving on in June to pursue her master's degree in nursing at Saint Louis University in Saint Louis, Missouri. Although she hasn't been with us very long, she has done a tremendous job advising our majors and working on curriculum changes.



Lauren Lutz



Maria Grossi

Maria Grossi, who has been the department's part-time office aide for the last two years has been offered a full-time position with the UW diversity programs and will be leaving in March to start her new job.

Cathy Moen, who has been with the department since 2004 has moved over to Outreach Credit Programs in May 2015 as staff assistant to the associate dean. While in criminal justice, she worked every staff position including academic advisor and office associate senior.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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Over the course of the last year, we have said good bye to several faculty and staff. Last spring, Cary Heck left our department for a policy job with the city and county of Denver and Jason Lee headed to Wisconsin for another academic position. Laurie Sanchez took a new position with the dean's office. As many of you know, Sanchez represented not only the face, but the heart of the department for many years. Cathy Moen, who was our academic advising coordinator, stepped into Sanchez's position, but Moen is now over in the Outreach School. We hired Lauren Lutz to serve as our academic advising coordinator; she has done a fantastic job but is off to Missouri to obtain her master's in nursing. This spring we will also lose a couple of fantastic faculty members. Both Cheryl Burnett and Patsy Taylor will be retiring. They have both contributed significantly to the department in a number of ways. All of these individuals will be greatly missed—it will be extremely strange to walk into the department and not see all of their smiling faces. Good luck in the future to all of you!

As you can see, 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! Please check out and contribute to our new initiative "Where are They Now and What are They Doing?" Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing professionally. Please send your comments and updates to crmj@uwyo.edu and you may find yourself on our website. 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 to complete their degrees or take advantage of many of the fantastic opportunities outlined here and elsewhere in the letter. As a thank you for a donation of \$25 or more, we will send you a removable bumper sticker that will allow you to show your Criminal Justice "Poke Pride."

Onward and upward!
Adrienne Freng

2013-2014 STUDENT AWARDS

Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduating Seniors

Alissa Przymus
Paige Hammer
Kourtne Rodgers

William D. Griffith Scholarship Awards

Janelle Klemm (Senior), \$1500
Emily De Wett (Junior), \$1500
Patricia Schwindt (Sophomore), \$1500

John R. Shell Scholarship Award

Zachary Stellern, \$1500

Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarship Awards

Zachary Stellern, \$500
Jeneil Boles, \$500

Criminal Justice Club Officers—Service Awards

President: Kourtne Rodgers
Vice President: Asa Hutchinson

Secretary: Mariah Hall
Treasurer: Kayla Adolph
Public Relations: Emily DeWett

Alpha Phi Sigma New Members

Kendra Winslow
Erin McConnell
Zachary Stellern
Cindi Choal

Board of Visitors and Criminal Justice Student Service Award

Mariah Hall



First row (L to R): Alissa Przymus, Paige Hammer, Kourtne Rodgers. Second row (L to R): Zach Stellern, Mariah Hall.

2015 FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Scott Culhane: Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year (P.I.E.) award. This is Culhane's third P.I.E award. He also received the Top Prof Award, which is nominated by the Mortar Board.

John Boman: P.I.E award nominee

Cheryl Burnett: P.I.E award nominee

Eric Wodahl: A&S Top Ten Teacher

2014-2015 STUDENT AWARDS

A&S Outstanding Top 20 Graduating Senior

Susan Manown

Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduating Seniors

Jeneil Boles
Michael Klepperich
Alicia Young

William D. Griffith Scholarship Awards

Cindi Choal (Senior), \$1500
Kaitlyn Coulter (Junior), \$1500

John R. Shell Scholarship Award

Austin Holcomb, \$1500

Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarship Awards

Cindi Choal, \$500

Deputy Bryan Gross Memorial Scholarship

Jeneil Boles (Senior), \$1,000

Criminal Justice Club Officers—Service Awards

President: Janelle Klemm
Vice President: Richard Cruz
Secretary: Emily DeWett
Treasurer: Elaina Armijo
Public Relations: Alicia Young

Alpha Phi Sigma New Members

Jeneil Boles
Lisa Collins
Brendan Costello

Board of Visitors and Criminal Justice Student Service Award

Janelle Klemm



First column: Susan Manown, Michael Klepperich, Alicia Young. Second column: Kaitlyn Coulter, Austin Holcomb. Third column: Cindi Choal, Jeneil Boles, Janelle Klemm.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT-ATHLETES HAD GREAT SEASONS

The Department of Criminal Justice had three majors on the men's basketball team this year and all three contributed to UW's success this season in getting to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Congratulations on a great season!

Larry Nance Jr., senior—6'8" forward, Akron, Ohio was named Pre-Season Player of the Year after coming off last season from knee surgery. His other awards include an All-Mountain West First Team, All-Defensive Team, and most recently, Mountain West Player of the Week. He is the son of former NBA star, Larry Nance.



Josh Adams, junior—6'2" guard, Parker, Colorado, one of the teams highest scoring guards scoring in double figures in seven games last year, including 4 with 20 points or more, and averaging 12 points per game this season.

Riley Grabau, senior—6'2" guard, Boulder, Colorado, has produced one of the best shooting records in Cowboy history leading the nation at several times last year in three-point percentages, and averaging an incredible 94% this season from the free throw line.

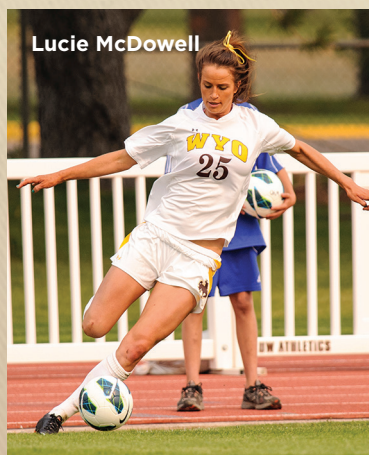
Two other criminal justice student-athletes are having amazing seasons, wrestlers **Tyler Cox** and **Dakota Friesth**. The seniors have helped UW climb the national rankings to number 16 in the country. Both athletes qualified for the 2015 NCAA tournament.

Tyler Cox wrestles at 125, has been named Western Wrestling Conference's Wrestler of the Week four times, twice in his senior year, and is currently ranked number 15 in the nation and is 21-5 on the season.

Dakota Friesth wrestles at 165 and is 19-10 on the season and 4-0 vs WWC opponents. He was named the Western Wrestling Conference's Wrestler of the Week for the first in his career on February 24, 2015. Friesth is hoping work for the Laramie Police Department after graduation.

Another student-athlete, **Jaden Clark**, sophomore, bareback rider and team roper on the UW rodeo team has had success this season scoring points in his best event, bareback riding. He finished third when UW hosted the event in Laramie in March.

LUCIE MCDOWELL, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SOCCER ATHLETE



The Department of Criminal Justice rarely sees international students come through their doors, but in the fall of 2011, Lucie McDowell from Queensland, Australia walked through them. She came to the University of Wyoming on a soccer scholarship and made an immediate impact on the Cowgirl front line, playing in all 22 matches. She

continued to rack up goals and shots during her junior and senior years and was honored with several titles along the way—Mountain West Academic All-Conference and second team by College Sports Madness in both her junior and senior years, as well as honorable mention to the NSCAA Scholar All-West Region Team and first team All-Mountain West and in her senior year.

McDowell also made an impact on the department as a dedicated student. She admits she was very homesick that first year, but eventually learned to love Wyoming and the university. Although her eligibility was up after the 2013 season, McDowell chose to stay at UW after declaring a second major in business administration. Always warm and friendly, it has been a pleasure having her in our program.

"I chose to attend UW for a completely new and challenging experience from anything I had ever encountered before, and that's exactly what I received! Going from a big city and the warm shores of the ocean to a little country town that gets snow for most of the year has expanded my perspective, taught me a lot about life and myself, but most importantly it has given me the most amazing thing that will help me succeed—a high quality education. I don't know exactly what career path I want to head down just yet, but double majoring in criminal justice and business administration has opened many doors for me to choose either degree or incorporate my knowledge of both worlds into something brilliant. I love UW and all the endless opportunities and support I have received over these past few years, on the soccer field and in the classroom!"

—Lucie McDowell, 2/9/2015

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FORMER MAJOR HAS PAPER PUBLISHED

We'd like to congratulate former major and UW graduate, Meagen Hildebrand, on her recent publication in the *Journal of Criminal Psychology*. Her paper entitled, "Personality Characteristics of the Female Serial Killer," was written from a research project she worked on two years ago with Dr. Scott Culhane. She developed case histories for four female offenders from the collected data.

Hildebrand is currently finishing her master's program and working towards her Ph.D. at the University of Albany-SUNY School of Criminal Justice, Albany, N.Y.

KRISTEN YOUNG

I graduated from the University of Wyoming in May 2012 with a degree in criminal justice.

In less than 6 months after graduation I was hired as a probation/parole agent for the Wyoming Department of Corrections. As a probation/parole agent I have supervised anywhere from 10 to 80 offenders at one time in caseloads such as traditional, the Intensive Supervised Program, Drug Court program, offenders from other states, and written pre-sentence investigation reports for clients on bond to be sentenced. As part of my job I frequently attend court (occasionally I am required to testify), I conduct home visits and searches of offenders' homes, meet with my clients in my office, and of course there is a lot of paperwork.

I absolutely love my job and am grateful for my education from the Department of Criminal Justice at UW.

KOURTNIE RODGERS

I am currently in the process of earning my M.A. in criminal justice from Boise State University. I have a graduate assistant

position with the Department of Criminal Justice here and I am working on research with multiple different professors. The current projects I am working on include an article examining other criminal justice graduate programs in the U.S. and a research study on parolees. My personal research interests include policing administration/management, juvenile justice, and law enforcement use of social media. I also recently started working on my thesis which is titled "A content analysis of social media policies from law enforcement agencies in the state of Idaho: Congruency to the model policy." After I earn my M.A. next May, I plan on moving on to get my Ph.D. but I am still undecided on where!

SHAVON THEIS

After a 27 year career with the U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Shavon T. Theis retired as a watch commander at the Three Points Border Patrol Station, Tucson Sector on December 27, 2014. During her time with these agencies, Theis served as a border patrol agent, physical techniques instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy, supervisory border patrol agent, field operations supervisor, and finally, watch commander at the Three Points Border Patrol Station. Throughout her career, the Tucson Sector led the nation in both drug seizures and apprehensions. Watch Commander Theis had a significant impact on CBP and the Border Patrol. She was dedicated and served the agency and her country with great distinction and honor. She plans to travel, enjoy outdoor activities, and enjoy her time off duty!

Prior to joining the Border Patrol, Theis, a native of Laramie, attended the University of Wyoming and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in administration of justice in 1986. She followed in her step-father's footsteps who retired as chief of police at the University of Wyoming in 1986.

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NEW “WHERE ARE THEY NOW?” WEB PAGE

We are excited to be launching a “Where are They Now and What are They Doing?” page on our website. We love hearing from our former majors and graduates. Drop us a line and let us know what you are doing professionally—where are you, are you working in the criminal justice field, and if so, tell us about your experiences. Please send your comments and updates to crmj@uwyo.edu. Also please “like us” on Facebook—search “University of Wyoming Criminal Justice” and you’ll find us. Your professional announcements are always welcome.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Due to printing and mailing costs, this will be our last printed newsletter. We will continue publishing an annual newsletter, but it will only be available online through the criminal justice website beginning in 2016. We will send reminders of new editions via email. If you would like to receive these reminders and have recently changed your email address, let us know by sending an email to: crmj@uwyo.edu.

Thank You, Donors!

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