



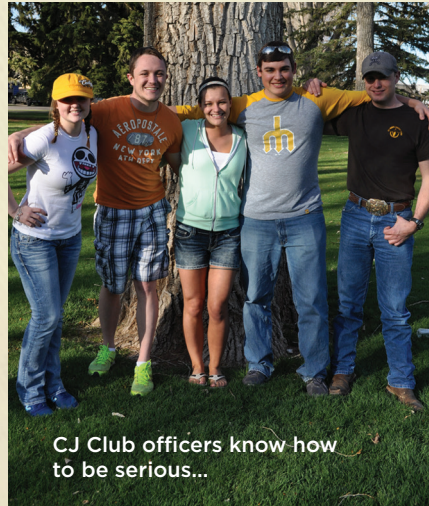
HOW TO ROCK A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE

During the 2015–2016 academic year, the Criminal Justice Club had the honor of hosting a variety of speakers working within the criminal justice field. While these speakers were sharing the form and function of their chosen careers, they also revealed the immense opportunities inherent with a degree in criminal justice.

Todd Scott from the Cheyenne FBI office began the speaker series in spectacular fashion. He discussed the general types of federal cases he handles, interspersed with anecdotes of the job. He indulged many curious students' questions and gave advice to those interested in joining the FBI. Dennis Dougan, an expert in Colorado's gambling laws and crimes, relayed his experience working in the Enforcement Division of the Colorado Department of Revenue. Sheriff Dave O'Malley of the Albany County Sheriff's Department rounded off the semester with a rousing speech about local law enforcement in addition to the process and requirements of becoming a police officer.

The spring semester began and with it brought Diane Lozano of the Cheyenne Public Defender's office as the first speaker of the new year. She discussed how public defenders balance caseloads, represent individuals that potentially face very serious charges, and outlined the challenges faced by those who serve as public defenders in Wyoming. John Jolley of the state crime lab described how the lab operates and assists law enforcement by analyzing DNA, ballistics, and other evidence. Robert McMaster from the U.S. Marshals Service outlined many of the different functions of a Marshal, such as serving warrants on behalf of courts and providing security detail for visiting dignitaries.

The CJ Club thanks all of the speakers for an invigorating and informational series! You rock!



CJ Club officers know how to be serious...



...and how to have fun.

CJ Club officers: Morgan Dougan, Public Relations; Jared Bell, Secretary; Elley Votruba, President; Kendal Walters, Treasurer; Matt Hetzel, Vice President.



2015 GRIFFITH SPEAKER

The 2015 Griffith Speaker was **Dr. Marvin Krohn**, who came to us by way of the University of Florida. His informational talk, "Examining the Causes and Consequences of Late Onset Offending," was attended by a large gathering of students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Krohn focused his talk on the emergence of what he called "late bloomers." Previous research hinted at this "late bloomer" category, a particular group that starts offending at a time—17 or 18 years of age—when most offenders stop exhibiting criminal behavior. The hypothesis was put forth that the cocoon of protective forces, such as school and parental involvement, declined at this age so criminal behavior became the norm. Using data from the Rochester Youth Development Study, Dr. Krohn was able to show that this group does, in fact, exist. He remarked that additional research is needed to reaffirm the "late bloomer" category; plus, ways to address the neuro-psychological deficits that lead to exhibiting criminal behavior need to be developed. With a smile, Dr. Krohn concluded that "it's never too late to flower—whether that's a good thing or a bad thing."

Dr. Krohn is the director of the Division of Criminology, Law and Society within the Department of Sociology and Criminology and Law at the University of Florida. He has dedicated his life to higher education with an emphasis on juvenile delinquency, criminology, adolescent substance use, and life course criminology. Dr. Krohn and his research partners are responsible for the Rochester Youth Development Study that started in 1986 with roughly 1000 participants. It is a three-generational study that encompasses the original adolescent age group (started at age 13/14), their parents or care givers, and, as of now, their children. Dr. Krohn commented that the study is a bit "unusual" in the fact that involves so many generations.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



We had another exciting year in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Wyoming! It has been my pleasure and honor to be chair of such a dynamic group of faculty, staff, and students. This past year, we had quite a few new faces in our department. We welcomed a new faculty member, Thomas Mowen. Tom represents an excellent addition to our faculty and he has already become one of our most productive

researchers and well liked instructors. We also had significant changes in our front office. We hired Jenn Mitchell as our new administrative assistant. She has taken to the job so well that she was awarded the A&S Students Ambassadors Staff Award this spring. We were also extremely excited to welcome our new advising coordinator, Kimberly McMaster. She meets with almost all of our majors and is doing a fantastic job. We are happy to have her in the office. Welcome to all of you!

As always, we had many highlights throughout the year. We initiated our new graduate concentration within the Masters of Public Administration program and enrolled our first student. We have been working diligently to get this program up and running, as we feel that it will provide a service not only to our students, but to criminal justice professionals in the state and region. If you have been looking to broaden your educational experiences, I encourage you to check it out (www.uwyo.edu/cj/masters-degree/). This summer we were extremely thrilled to be able to once again offer our undergraduate students the opportunity to study urban crime in Chicago. Students examined the nature of urban crime through visits to the courts, ride-alongs with the police, and trips to different infamous correctional facilities in Illinois. I am grateful that we are able to provide these opportunities to our students as I think they enrich their educational experience. 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 event and as always, they did a fantastic job. We were also able to welcome Dr. Marv Krohn to our campus as this year's Griffith Speaker. He gave a very engaging talk on crime commission among young adults. We are always appreciative of the Griffith Funds which allow us to provide both of these opportunities, as well as others.

Every year, I am continually impressed with the accomplishments of our students and this past year was no different. The leadership provided by Matt Hetzel in his role within the Criminal Justice Club resulted in him being awarded our Student Service Award. Casey Duckworth, Shay Stanek, and Lindzey Patterson were recognized as our Outstanding Graduating Seniors. Jackson Deterding, Kaitlyn Coulter, Danielle Creech, and Daniel Slipp were selected as our Griffith Scholars. Daniel Slipp was also awarded the Deputy Bryan

Gross Memorial Scholarship. We were also able to award Phylcia Christoffersen and Sarah Szewczyk support through our Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarships. Kali MacKinnon received the Criminal Justice Department Scholarship Award. We were thrilled to award Desiree Murray the inaugural Cheryl Burnett Excellence in Pre-law Studies Award, which was developed in honor of a retired faculty member who served the department for many years. Finally, in recognition of their commitment towards providing student internships, the Albany County Sheriff's Department was awarded the inaugural Internship Appreciation Award. These awards and scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of 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. We had a number of award winning faculty this year. Eric Wodahl received a Mortar Board "Top Prof" Award. One of our newest faculty members, John Boman, was not only awarded the A&S "Top Ten Teacher" Award, but he also received the Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year, otherwise known as the PIE award. The Department's Team Player Award went to Shane Stone. Congratulations 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—where are you, are you working in the criminal justice field, and if so, have you had interesting experiences you'd like to share? 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 all the wonderful activities happening in the department. 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 newsletter. 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

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

We love hearing from our graduates! To be included in our "Where are They Now and What are They Doing?" webpage, drop us a line at crmj@uwyo.edu 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. Your professional announcements are always welcome!

FACULTY IN ACTION

JOHN BOMAN

In 2015–16, my research has focused primarily on theoretical and measurement issues related to the overall impact that friends exert on criminal behavior and substance use (particularly alcohol). In the past year, I have had six articles and three book chapters accepted or put into print, including a lead author study in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. In addition to getting married, I won two teaching awards and have begun exploring external funding opportunities.



TOM MOWEN

I'm currently conducting research on how policing and security strategies in schools impact students and families, and how discipline within schools contributes to the school-to-prison pipeline over time. I also have a number of projects underway investigating how incarceration leads to changes within the family and how these changes contribute to desistance and recidivism upon release.



SCOTT E. CULHANE



My current research interests are courts, specifically evaluation of alibi statements and jury decision making; policing, specifically police shootings and body cameras; and violence, specifically personality disorders in serial murderers.

SHANE STONE



I recently completed my dissertation for my Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. My Ph.D. research examined issues related to campus safety and policing on a number of community college campuses. Additionally, I have served on a number of departmental, university, and community committees, including the

Health Sciences and Human Services Advisory Board for the Natrona County School District. I was also the Department's Team Player Award winner this past year.

ADRIENNE FRENG

I continue to focus on research areas dedicated to juvenile delinquency, gangs, and crime issues related to American Indian populations. I am concluding a project with Dr. Eric Wodahl that examines various reentry issues experienced by American Indian individuals returning to a reservation community. I am also currently conducting research regarding the impact of gang friends on individuals in the school environment. School safety issues represent another area of research interest as evident in a research project that explores whether increased security measures result in improved levels of feeling safe by both students and parents.



ERIC WODAHL

My research continues to focus on two primary areas, prisoner reentry and the use of sanctions and incentives in probation and parole supervision. I recently completed data collection on a project in Colorado that looked at offenders' perceptions of a variety of sanctions and incentives utilized in probation supervision, and am working on several publications stemming from this research.



2016 STUDENT AWARDS



Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduating Seniors: Casey Duckworth, \$150; Shay Stanek, \$150; Lindsey Patterson, \$150 (Duckworth and Patterson pictured above)



Cheryl Burnett Excellence in Pre-Law Studies Award: Desiree Murray, \$200



Criminal Justice Department Scholarship Award: Kali MacKinnon, \$1000



William D. Griffith Scholarship Awards: Daniel Slipp (Senior), \$1500; Danielle Creech (Senior), \$1500; Kaitlyn Coulter (Senior), \$1500; Jackson Deterding (Junior), \$1500



Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarship Awards: Phylcia Christoffersen, \$500; Sarah Szewczyk, \$500 (Szewczyk pictured above, award presented by Lt. Ben Fritzen)



Deputy Bryan Gross Memorial Scholarship: Daniel Slipp, \$1000 (presented by Cindy Allen, mother of Deputy Gross)



Internship Appreciation Award: Albany County Sheriff's Office. (Lt. Ben Fritzen accepted the inaugural Internship Appreciation award on behalf of the Albany County Sheriff's Office. It was presented by former interns, Luke Horacek and Ryan Shepherd, along with internship coordinator, Dr. Eric Wodhal.)



Criminal Justice Club Officers—Service Awards: Elley Votruba, President; Matt Hetzel, Vice President; Jared Bell, Secretary; Kendal Walters, Treasurer; Morgan Dougan, Public Relations (Bell and Hetzel pictured)

Awards not pictured—Alpha Phi Sigma New Members: Austin Holcomb, Board of Visitors and Criminal Justice Service Award: Matt Hetzel, \$300

ALUMNI IN ACTION

Kebin Haller, B.S. '90, administration of justice, is the head of the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

Michelle Pierce, B.S. '92, administration of justice, is the community development educator at Campbell County's UW Extension Office.

Shelley Harper, B.A. '99, administration of justice, works for the Goshen County Extension Office.

Chris Cichosz, B.A. '00, criminal justice, is the chief deputy for the Winona County Sheriff's Office in Minnesota. He has served the department for 15 years.

Whitney Dodd, Exp. '12, criminal justice, is a victim witness coordinator for the CARES organization in Big Horn County.

Larry Nance Jr., B.A. '15, criminal justice, was drafted in the first round by the Los Angeles Lakers.

Josh Adams, B.A. '16, criminal justice, signed a contract with the Denver Nuggets for the 2016 summer league.

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

A&S "Top Ten Teacher" Award: John Boman

Mortar Board "Top Prof" Award: Eric Wodahl

Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year (PIE) Award: John Boman
College of Arts & Sciences Student Council Outstanding Student Service Award:

Jenn Mitchell

CJ Department's Team Player Award: Shane Stone

NOMINATION OF ERIC WODAHL FOR TOP PROF

By Desiree Murray

Though it was not a popular subject among my fellow criminal justice students, I decided to declare a statistics minor. Honestly, I was not sure if it was even possible for the two fields to supplement one another. However, when I took Dr. Wodahl's *Intro to Corrections* class, my thought process changed. His class opened my eyes to not only the applicability of statistics to criminal justice, but also the positive impact it plays in research. This conviction was strengthened even further when I conducted independent research in collaboration with Dr. Wodahl's current research endeavors. With these experiences, I realized the versatility of my major and minor combination. Without his insight, I would still be confounded about how these two subjects could work together. This is why Dr. Wodahl is my nomination for Top Prof.



HOW TO SUCCEED AFTER UW

by Lt. Karl D. Fagnant

I was selected by the Air Force as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) pilot. The entire process of applying to Officer Training School (OTS) at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama took more than 18 months. This process involved taking two separate aptitude tests, two different physical tests, an officer candidate interview, and compiling all of those elements into a "packet" along with letters of recommendation, my high school and college transcripts, and a background packet. Thankfully I was selected to attend Officer Training Class 16-02 on 06 Oct 15.

Immediately upon arrival at OTS, I was introduced to a very strict and professional training program, which consisted of military drill and procedures, customs and courtesies, standards of dress and appearance, field exercises, physical training, and an extremely rigorous academic course load broken down into categories of: warfare studies, communication studies, leadership studies, and the profession of arms. The first several

weeks consisted of 18 hour days spent consistently busy with assignments and tasks. Throughout the program, cadets were officially evaluated through two separate academic tests, two papers, two briefs, a field leadership exercise, and a positional leadership job that lasted throughout the program. In order to graduate, we were expected to maintain a GPA of 80% or higher and earn a final approval from our instructors.

I commissioned on 11 Dec 15, earning the rank of second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After graduation, I was assigned to the 558th Flying Training Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Over the next year I will be trained, tested, and evaluated through several different courses in an effort to earn my wings as a RPA pilot. I want to offer my biggest appreciation to Dr. Freng for writing one of my letters of recommendation for my packet. Her words were certainly influential in my acceptance into OTS. All the best to everyone in the criminal justice department and GO POKES!

STUDENTS IN ACTION

U.S. Attorney's Office— Yellowstone Internship, Fall 2015

—Cindi Choal

Every student should pursue internship possibilities during their time at the University of Wyoming. As a criminal justice student with law school on my mind, an internship with an assistant United States attorney in Yellowstone National Park for the fall semester sounded like an adventure that I could not pass up. My education has been significantly enriched by not only the assistant United States attorney, but the federal magistrate judge and his assistants, defense counsel, and many United States park rangers in federal court proceedings. Furthermore, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Mammoth, Yellowstone National Park handles federal cases in Grand Teton National Park. Most of the Grand Teton cases are handled in Yellowstone, but once a month the assistant United States attorney and the judge fly to Jackson for court. Not only have I had a chance to put my skills into action, I have been able to further realize that

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communication and people skills are necessary in almost any profession, especially the legal profession. Most importantly, the internship allowed me the unique opportunity to apply my criminal justice classroom knowledge to the real world. I was able to further realize and explore my potential in the criminal justice profession while learning from some of the best. On top of the internship experience, I could not ask for a better place to spend 15 weeks. I lived on Officer's Row in Mammoth, within walking distance to the Justice Center/Federal Court

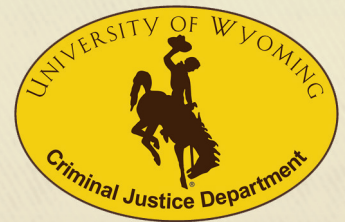
House. The elk were in rut around the Mammoth area, resulting in a bugling elk alarm clock every morning! The wildlife and breathtaking views made for a great experience. The weekends allowed for time to explore Yellowstone and its history. Overall, students should pursue internships that are interesting, related to their field, and are outside of their comfort zone to allow for growth.

Thank you to the Department of Criminal Justice and my professors for the continued support!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUMPER STICKER!

As one of the largest departments in the largest college on campus, we are dedicated to helping our students experience every educational opportunity possible while they are here at the University of Wyoming.

With your help, we can continue to fund student activities and travel, scholarships and awards, improved technology, and provide more educational opportunities to our students. We hope that you will consider contributing to our department, as many of our students would not be able to complete their degrees or take advantage of the fantastic opportunities available in our department without your support. As a thank you for a donation of \$25 or more, we will send you the removable bumper sticker pictured that will allow you to show your Criminal Justice "Poke Pride." Just go to Foundation, choose "Give to UW" and use donor code N15CJ, or simply fill out the form included in the newsletter and send to UW Foundation with your donation or pledge.



Bison in Lamar Valley, YNP
(Cindi Choal photo)



Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces
(Cindi Choal photo)

NEW PERSONNEL

NEW FACULTY HIRE

Tom Mowen joined the Department of Criminal Justice at the start of the fall 2015 semester and in no time at all, he made a reputation for engaging students in the classroom and being a prolific scholar.



Mowen received a Bachelor of Science in sociology at the University of Louisville. While an undergrad, he became interested in exploring social inequalities inherent in the justice system and set out to investigate this issue. Along the way, he earned a Master's degree in 2011 from the University of Louisville and a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware. His dissertation assessed how punitive school disciplinary polices and increased prevalence of security mechanisms (such as police officers) impact parents and families in schools.

Though he moved around the country frequently in his youth, Tom views Laramie as "coming back home." This could be because he met his wife, Christine, in mountain west country. When asked about Wyoming, he states, "I enjoy the sunshine, the wide open spaces, and the friendly people."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

It's been changes all around for the Department of Criminal Justice! Not only for new faculty, but new staff as well.

Jenn Mitchell joined the CJ department last July as the new office associate, senior. She's already made a splash in the department with faculty and students. In the spring of 2016, she was awarded the College of Arts & Sciences Student Council Outstanding Student Service award. In May, she and her husband, Steve, welcomed a baby girl.



Kimberly McMaster joined the Department of Criminal Justice last September as an academic adviser. This is a new full time position for the department and much needed: the department has roughly 400 undergraduate students.



Welcome Tom, Jenn, and Kimberly!

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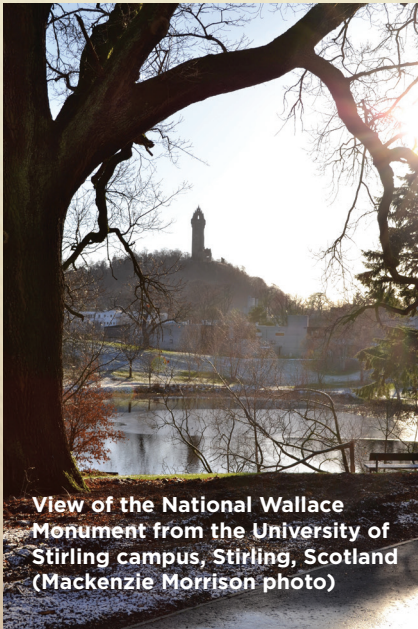
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STUDENTS IN ACTION

My 21st birthday, a milestone in my life, would be spent in Scotland, my study abroad destination for the spring of 2016. I was uncertain how to feel being away from home, away from my family, and in a country where a 21st birthday is just another day. After much deliberation, I chose to spend the week on the Isle of Skye. This decision led to a deeply personal discovery about the benefits of studying abroad that I previously had not discovered.

The Isle is located in the Northern Highlands of Scotland. Only 10,000 people inhabit it, clan culture is strong, and there are more sheep than people. Scottish roots run deep, as most people

continue to speak Scottish Gaelic as their first language. From an outsider's perspective, trying to understand the thick accented English when speaking with an islander was much more difficult than the smooth lowland Scottish accent. It is a magical destination with landscapes such as The Fairy Pools, The Old Man of Storr, and Kilt Rock.



View of the National Wallace Monument from the University of Stirling campus, Stirling, Scotland (Mackenzie Morrison photo)



On my birthday, I chose to do a day tour of the entire island. I left the hostel at 10 a.m. with the guide, a descendant of the Macdonald clan. His family clan originated on the island and he spoke of his heritage with pride in his voice. Listening to Mr. Macdonald while he shared the beautiful sights and history of the Isle, I realized why travelling is powerful. I grasped that traveling did not *change* me; it fine-tuned who I truly am as a person. I could see life through a new lens, and it is because of this I was able to learn which lens I was meant to look through.

Standing on the Quiring, an incredible view overlooking the valley out to the sea, with massive green ridges behind me, *on my 21st birthday*. Yes, I was here to study, however, I was in Scotland experiencing much more. Living abroad for a semester will truly impact me forever.