

# Seattle University Criminal Justice Advisory Committee 2006 Annual Report

# **Outcome of 2005 Advisory Committee Meeting**

Last year was the second annual meeting of the Seattle University Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. The last two meetings were energizing and successful with great ideas and a growing number of committee members each year. The primary objective of the first meeting in 2004 was to discuss the purpose and goals of the committee and to receive feedback regarding our curriculum, employment trends, and possibilities for university-agency collaboration. We discussed current employment opportunities/trends, what can we do to make our students competitive in the job market and/or for graduate study upon graduation, collaborative partnership possibilities, how our department might be of service to local CJ agencies and/or to public education regarding crime and justice issues.

The second meeting in 2005 was another successful gathering with 26 committee members in attendance. We discussed what a "criminal justice education for the future" should look like – what innovative programs excite and inspire committee members, and how our department can update and improve our curriculum and departmental offerings to better meet the needs of students who will be the CJ professionals of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Committee members discussed in small groups what innovative programs and projects could be offered and supported by the SU Criminal Justice Department that meet the needs of students who will become/are CJ Professionals of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and that most inspire, excite committee members. The committee responded to two questions:

- 1) What are the features of the ideal criminal justice program of the future?
- 2) What innovative collaborative initiatives can be developed unique our urban/NW/Seattle location to bridge academia and the local criminal justice community/theory and practice?

Committee members/small groups came up with the following ideas:

- Stronger writing program (interview, reports, legal terms)
- Improvement of analytical skills, people skills, common sense, writing skills, teamwork
- Addition of a required case method course early in education that involves team effort, writing, realistic world, practicum related.
- Holistic approach to criminal justice
- Increase in communication skills/education
- More involvement of advisory committee (e.g., reviews of course work, projects)
- Bring real-world players into classroom.



- Experiential opportunities (Multifaceted experiences and internships career opportunities, multiple qtr internships, opportunities involving diverse experiences and job functions over longer period of time, job shadowing, rotation of internships)
- Require/expand volunteer opportunities
- Victim support programs/Academic development
- Limiting the number of students
- Residency programs/transition programs (5<sup>th</sup> year?)
- Academic real-world forums what are agencies looking for, what opportunities are available?

We ran out of time last year and didn't get to identify priority items and/or to develop a concrete plan of action. However, following the meeting and throughout 2005-06, a number of committee members extended invitations to discuss opportunities and worked with the department to implement some of the ideas we came up with at the meeting. As a result the department was able to make a number of additions/improvements to the curricular offerings in line with the 2005-06 committee discussion are listed below and discussed in more detail in the next section:

- -Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Program with concentrations in Research & Evaluation, Investigative Criminology, and Victimology
- -ATF Practicum (developed by Kelvin Crenshaw/facilitated by Julianne Marshall, ATF)
- -King County Prosecutor's Office Job Shadowing and Volunteer Domestic Violence Advocate Opportunity (Norm Maleng/Bonnie Glenn, KC Prosecutor's Office)
- -Campus Recruiting Events -- SPD, KCS, Women in Law Enforcement Fair (Suzanne Long, SPD; Jessica Sullivan, KCS; Doreen Moore, FBI)
- -United States Marshal Centralized Student Career Experience Program (Eric Robertson, David Miller, US Marshal Service)
- -New course on Terrorism for 2006-07 (developed/taught by Wallace Shields, US Secret Service)
- -Expansion of internships (The Defender Association, WA Attorney General, Seattle Mental Health)

Committee members also assisted with local arrangements for the upcoming Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference (See attached list of featured local events and panels). Special Thank you to Harold Clarke, Ruben Cedeno, and Mary Leftridge-Byrd from DOC, Henry Richards from SCC, George Johnston from WSP Crime Lab, and Greg Hewitt, Al Noriega, Richard Haruff, and Kathy Taylor from KCMEO, Tim McTighe from US Pretrial, Sheriff Rahr and Chief Turner, Chief Batiste, Jenny Wieland and Fanny Correa, and many others in the local CJ community for helping to set up the tours and panels!



# **Departmental Update**

#### ENROLLMENT/STUDENT INTEREST

We have 267 students currently enrolled for Fall 2006 including an inaugural class of 22 graduate students (See attached breakdown by degree/specialization).

#### **FACULTY**

We continue this year with five full-time faculty members and are currently conducting a national search for a tenure-track assistant professor position for 2007-08. Full time faculty members in our department are:

## Bowen, Deirdre, PhD, JD/Lecturer

Research/teaching interests in plea bargaining, criminal justice organizations, sociology of deviance, and research methods and statistics.

#### Gunnison, Elaine, PhD/Assistant Professor

Research/teaching interests in life course criminology, female offending patterns, comparative criminal justice, and corrections

### Helfgott, Jacqueline B., PhD/Associate Professor, Chair

Research/teaching interests in criminal behavior, psychopathy, copycat crime, offender reentry, corrections, and restorative justice.

## Kelliher, S.J., Michael, S.J, D.Crim/Associate Professor

Research/teaching interests in the polygraph, restorative justice, Victimology, criminology & literature, and white collar crime

#### Keppel, Robert, PhD/Visiting Associate Professor

Research/teaching interests in law enforcement, criminal investigation, homicide and serial murder, and offender profiling

We are extremely fortunate to have a large number of adjunct faculty and affiliated faculty members who teach in other departments and or colleges in Seattle University. Many are professionals who currently work in the criminal justice field and/or are faculty members in other Seattle University Departments who teach or co-teach selected courses and/or coordinate/facilitate practicum opportunities in our curriculum:

- ❖ Darlene Conley, PhD; Sociologist-Criminologist/Ethnographer
- Kelvin Crenshaw, Special Agent in Charge/ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
- ❖ Tag Gleason, MA, JD; Captain Violent Crimes Unit/Seattle Police Department
- ❖ Bev Himick, PhD; Forensic Scientist/WA State Patrol Crime Lab
- ❖ Paul Holland, JD; Assistant Clinical Professor/Seattle University Law Clinic
- ❖ Angie Kantola, PhD/Seattle University Department of Chemistry
- ❖ Gil Kerlikowske, MA; Chief/Seattle Police Department
- Trisha King-Stargel., MA, ABD; Ret./Kent & Honolulu Police Departments
- \* Raven Lidman, Clinical Professor/Seattle University Law Clinic
- ❖ Julianne Marshall, MA; Special Agent, PIO/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
- ❖ John Mitchell, JD; Associate Professor/Seattle University Law School



- Tim McTighe, MA; Chief/ U.S. Pretrial Services
- Mac Pevey, MA; Community Corrections Supervisor/ WA State Department of Corrections
- ❖ Ed Reed, PhD; Lecturer/Seattle University Matteo Ricci College
- Sarah Roberts, JD; Prosecuting Attorney/Shoreline & Lake Forest Park
- ❖ Wallace Shields, MA; Special Agent in Charge/United States Secret Service
- ❖ Brian Stampfl; Detective/CSI Unit Seattle Police Department
- OluFemi Taiwo, PhD, Professor/ Seattle University Philosophy Department
- \* Kathy Taylor, PhD; Forensic Anthropologist
- ❖ Mike Williams, MA; Ret. Assoc. Superintendent MCC/WA State Department of Corrections
- \* Riva Zeff, MSW; Clinical Director/Seattle University Social Work Program

#### **CURRICULAR IMPROVEMENTS**

A number of curricular improvements were made for 2006-07 in response to last year's meeting:

# New Forensic Science Lab Course

- New in 2006 we ran a 3-credit Forensic Science Lab course now required for all Forensic Science majors taught through a contract with WSP Crime Lab by Bev Himick. The course was one of the highest rated new courses we've ever offered. The students loved Bev and expressed their appreciation throughout the quarter for the opportunity to take such a valuable hands on course. Thanks to Bev for going above and beyond to make this such an amazing course and to Dr Logan, George Johnston, George Chan, Evan Thompson, and everyone at the crime lab who helped to launch and make this course a success!

## New Practicum Opportunity

- ATF Practicum – Opportunity to participate in a 16 hour/two-day workshop/panel discussion that takes students "Inside ATF. Developed by Kelvin Crenshaw/Facilitated by Julianne Marshall.

## New Criminal Justice Departmental Honors Program (BS Degrees)

- Opportunity for students in the BS degree to complete a senior honors thesis under faculty supervision and to graduate with departmental honors.

#### Internship and Volunteer Opportunities

Our students have been successful in obtaining internship positions in a wide range of agencies. Thank you to advisory committee members for helping in this regard. Last year (and this) year we have students interning at the King County Medical Examiners Office, King County Prosecutor's Office, Kirkland Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims, The Defender Association, WA Attorney General's Office, Interaction Transition, WA Department of Corrections, KC Adult & Juvenile Detention, King County Sheriff, US Probation, US Pretrial, King County Juvenile Detention, Air Force Office of Special Investigation, Seattle Police Department Domestic Violence Victim Support Team, and other agencies.



- We partnered with Seattle Parks and Recreation to offer a new internship involving students in crime prevention project in the Seattle parks. This was initiated by Randy Wiger. We will also be doing an applied research project for the Seattle Parks as the primary assignment for the research methods course Fall qtr taught by Deirdre Bowen.

## ■ Student Success in Obtaining Employment – 2005-06 Highlights

- All three students who interned last year at the KCME obtained full-time positions (some prior to graduating) (Shannon Doyle, 2006 Grad Snohomish County ME Office, Teresa Gonzalez, 2005 Grad Pierce County ME Office, Melissa Russell, Senior MADD) (Special Thanks to Greg Hewitt, Al Noriega, Kathy Taylor, Joe Frisino, and Dr Haruff from KCME for the support, education, and personal attention they've all extended to these students).
- CJ Junior Shannon Burt was hired on as an officer with SPD and completed the SPD Academy this past spring.
- CJ Senior Erica Nomura is employed as a corrections officer at the Washington Corrections Center for Women.
- BCJ Criminology/CJ Theory major and Air Force ROTC cadet Susan Sifferman was accepted into the competitive Rising Senior Professional Development Training Program at the *Air Force Office of Special Investigations* in WA DC July 16-August 5th.
- John Misko (2005 Grad) and Evan Riley-Williams (2006 Grad) were accepted into the SU School of Law and Devon Tiam (2006 Grad) was accepted into UW Law school.
- Carol Lembersky, was accepted into the Sam Houston Clinical Psychology with Forensic Psychology specialization doctoral program
- Malori Scoffield obtained a position as a summer 2006 instructor at the National student leadership conference on Forensic science in Washington, DC.
- Five 2006 and two 2005 Grads were accepted into our new MACJ Program.
- Barbara Duran, our Department's first honors student successfully completed her thesis entitled "Exploration of Law Enforcement and School Collaboration in Understanding Parental Methamphetamine Addiction" which she completed with the assistance of the Lakewood Police Department and a City of Lakewood Elementary School.
- And these are just the students we've heard from!



#### Faculty and Other Department News for 2005-06

- Bob Keppel received the *American Academy of Forensic Sciences John R Hunt Award* from the General Section of AAFS at the 2006 Annual meeting.
- Bob Keppel contributed to the *Project "KARE" Task Force's Major Case Best Practices Workshop* in Alberta, Canada in January 2006.
- Elaine Gunnison, Ed Reed, and Deirdre Bowen were nominated for the 2006 *Center for Service Award Spirit of Community Award*.
- Deirdre Bowen received a *Seattle University Service Learning Fellowship for 2006* involving service learning training on incorporating into curriculum and Elaine Gunnison presented the results from her fellowship from 2005 to the 2006 fellows.
- Elaine Gunnison received the 2005-06 Faculty Appreciation Award from the CJ Club.
- Bob Keppel's book *Offender Profiling* published by Wadsworth recently came out with a new edition and his new book *Forensic Pattern Recognition* (with Katherine Brown and Kristen Welch) published by Prentice-Hall is forthcoming in October.
- Elaine Gunnison and Jackie Helfgott's article, "Community Corrections Officer Perceptions of Ex-Offender Reentry Needs" was accepted for publication/is forthcoming in the *Journal of Criminal and Police Psychology*.
- Elaine Gunnison's article (with Lisa McCartan), "The role of unique developmental experiences: A theoretical examination of female persistence" was accepted for publication/is forthcoming in *Women and Criminal Justice* and her article (also with Lisa McCartan) "Examining the origins of low self control" was accepted/is forthcoming in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- Ed Reed served on the KC Sheriff Blue Ribbon Panel.
- Jackie Helfgott joined the advisory board for the Special Commitment Center at McNeil Island.
- Deirdre Bowen went to Belize with the Social Work Program to explore study abroad opportunities for our department.
- Faculty and students presented and participated in a number of conferences during the year including the *Western Society of Criminology* conference and *American Academy of Forensic Sciences* conferences in Seattle and the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* conference in Baltimore.
- And these are just highlights!



## Improved CJ Department Website

– Aren Kaser who has recently been hired full-time as the College of Arts & Sciences Director of Marketing and Communications did an amazing job overhauling our dept website (and created our new MACJ Brochures). Thank you to committee members for your help with photos!

## New Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Program!

- With unbelievable speed and much thanks to many of you we were able to launch a brand new Masters in Criminal Justice program ... the first of its kind in Seattle! This colossal undertaking would not have been possible without the support of Wallace Loh, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, the A&S Curriculum Committee, President Sundborg, former Provost Sue Secker, Provost John Eshelman, the Seattle University Board of Trustees. And of course, thanks go to many advisory committee members who offered feedback, referred us to different contacts, sent photos for advertising, helped spread the word...
- Over the summer we admitted 20 new MACJ students and 2 non-matriculated students. We held a MACJ student welcome on September 14<sup>th</sup> and can tell already this is a diverse and motivated inaugural class! The group includes students with undergraduate degrees in criminal justice, law & society, psychology, sociology, liberal studies, zoology, and forensic biology from local universities such as UW, WSU, CWU, EWU, Evergreen, Saint Martins and from other states (Michigan, California, Oregon). A number of the incoming students are currently employed in the criminal justice field in law enforcement, law/court services, and corrections.

#### OTHER OUTCOMES OF PAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSIONS

#### Collaborative Research

As an outcome of the 2004 committee discussion, we sought ideas for applied research that would answer a particular question of interest to local CJ practitioners and/or that would be of some service to the local CJ community. We explored several ideas and decided to pursue a study of community correctional officer perceptions of offender needs as a follow-up to a study conducted by Jackie Helfgott in 1997 (entitled "Ex-offender needs versus community opportunity in Seattle" published in Federal Probation). Elaine Gunnison and Jackie Helfgott completed the study in 2005-06 with the generous assistance of Bill Corn from U.S. Probation, Tim McTighe from US Pretrial Services and Mac Pevey and Kevin BovenKamp from WA DOC. We received a university research assistantship grant to hire a student research assistant (Tania Reyes) so the opportunity has provided an excellent hands-on learning opportunity for a student. We presented different components of the results at three conferences - March 2005 at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Chicago, February 2006 at the Western Society of Criminology conference in Seattle, and March 2006 at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in Baltimore. We will present the qualitative results at this year's Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Seattle and have published an article (forthcoming) entitled "Community Corrections Officer Perceptions of Ex-Offender Reentry Needs" in the Journal of Criminal and Police Psychology.



# **New Committee Members/Agencies Represented**

We have been overwhelmed and inspired by the willingness of local, state, and federal agencies in the area to join the advisory committee.

## *New members to the advisory committee for 2006-07* include:

- ❖ Scott Blonian, Sr Asst Attorney General, WA State Attorney General
- \* Bev Himick, Supervising Forensic Scientist, DNA Section/Crime Scene Response Team. WSP Crime Lab
- Chief Tim Kimsey, Port of Seattle Police
- ❖ David Miller, Chief Deputy, US Marshal Service
- **& Keith Neeley, Special Agent, DEA**
- **★ Kameon Quillen**, Director Victim Services, Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims; Clinical Director of Virginia Mason Separation & Loss
- **& Eric Robertson, US** Marshal, US Marshal Service
- \* Royce Rutherford, Administrative Officer, Federal Public Defender
- ❖ Mike Sletten, Director, Seattle University Public Safety
- ❖ Deputy Jessica Sullivan, King County Sheriff's Office

## Agencies Represented on the SU CJ Advisory Committee:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives Seattle University College of Arts & Sciences

Drug Enforcement Administration Seattle University Public Safety

Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims

Seattle University School of Law

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Public Defender
United States Marshal Service
Interaction Transition
United States Probation

King County Adult & Juvenile Detention

United States Pretrial Services

King County Medical Examiner's Office

United States Secret Service

King County Prosecutor's Office Washington State Attorney General

King County Sheriff's Office Washington State Department of Corrections

Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

Washington State Department of Social & Health

Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Washington State Depart of Social & Health Port of Seattle Police Services

Seattle Police Department Washington State Patrol

Seattle University Center for Service

SU CJ Advisory Committee Member List: Attached is a listing of current SU CJ Advisory Committee Members.