A Word From the New Chair, Dr. Richard Colignon

I became chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice this past summer. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and moved to St. Louis from Pittsburgh. I am proud to be a member of such an accomplished faculty. We are award-winning teachers, published scholars, conscientious community participants, and we teach over 400 majors and minors. The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice is a multidisciplinary department that currently includes 13 full-time faculty members trained in Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, and Law. The department offers two undergraduate majors, three minors, and a certificate in forensic sciences. We have a strong cohort of bright and energetic faculty members, and an outstanding group of majors and minors, so our prominence at Saint Louis University looks set to grow in the years ahead.

Welcome New People!

We hope that the fall has been energizing and productive for you. The Department faculty members have been working hard conducting their classes and carrying out their research. Part of our renewed excitement is because new members have joined the Department.

We are very pleased Sharilyn Bazile has joined us as the new Administrative Secretary this year. Although she is a native of the area, Sharilyn comes to us most recently from Minnesota. We welcomed Dr. Martha Shockey to the position of full-time tenure-track faculty. She taught with us last year on a non-tenure track basis. We also hired André Arceneaux, a recent Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. Dr. Arceneaux is originally from New Orleans.

Where are we going? We are committed to playing our part in President Biondi’s vision of making Saint Louis University the finest Catholic university in the country. To that end, we are currently charting a new curricular and strategic plan. The new curriculum will feature a strong liberal arts orientation with a central core of theory and research methodologies, along with a range of topics and a variety of analytic tools. We believe the new curriculum will provide our students with the best preparation for the job market and further education. We will keep you informed on our progress during this exciting time of growth and change. For additional information, please visit our webpage:

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Please drop in and introduce yourself to our newest Department members. You can also find out more about our faculty and staff on the “people” page of the Department’s website:

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Departures

As many of you might already know, Cynthia Lennox has left the Department after serving as the Administrative Secretary for the past 6 years. Cindy wanted to focus more on her family. In addition, Dr. Chuck Terry has decided to leave the university. Both Cindy and Chuck were popular members of the Department and are missed by the faculty and students.
On October 12, the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice sponsored a presentation by sociologist Patricia Yancey Martin entitled, “A Conversation on Gender, Social Justice and Rape Work: Why Thirty Years of Feminist Activism Has Not Reduced Harm to Women.”

Dr. Martin based her presentation on research findings outlined in her recent book, Rape Work, in which she analyzes the organizational pressures on doctors, lawyers, judges, and administrators that often prevents them from giving responsive care to rape victims. Approximately 250 people attended the talk, organized by the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at SLU.

Dr. Martin’s presentation was very engaging and brought to the community’s attention the harm that people working with rape victims inadvertently do. It also helped students think more sociologically about how the workplace can affect the way we provide services for others, even when we have the best of intentions. Dr. Martin concluded her presentation with some practical suggestions for how our society can do a better job of supporting and promoting healing for rape victims.

In addition to her lecture, Dr. Martin was a guest in the department’s course on Organizations the next day, and later met with faculty from across the university for a discussion on feminist activism within universities.

Dr. Martin is best known for her research and publications on gender and organizations, having published over ninety articles and four books on the topic. She is currently the Daisy Parker Flory Professor of Sociology at Florida State University in Tallahassee, and is serving as the chairperson of the Department of Sociology there.
**Criminal Justice News**

**Crime Time Taping**

Several members of Dr. Marty Shockey's Law Enforcement and Law and Society classes, along with one student from Dr. Arnold's Introduction to Sociology class, were guests at the taping of a Crime Time segment sponsored and produced by Line of Duty. Crime Time, a program that airs internationally, is devoted to addressing relevant and timely topics of interest to Law Enforcement agents and Criminal Justice students. The 2-hour taping, which took place on September 21st, provided a forum through which local experts addressed issues of global terrorism, policing techniques when dealing with violent suspects, racial profiling, police ethics, and a host of other topics. The seven member panel of experts included police clinicians, active Chiefs of Police, former members of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, homicide detectives, and a law enforcement expert now providing training to Iraqi police and law enforcement officials in Afghanistan.

The forum provided students the opportunity to see and hear the "stuff of Criminal Justice" play out in a real world setting wherein both active and former law enforcement officials discussed the realities associated with their chosen careers. It also highlighted the changes brought to law enforcement efforts as a result of 9/11, focusing on the global nature of policing, even at the community level, in response to terrorism.

**Students Attend Restorative Justice Conference In Kansas City**

By: Annie Hammond, M.A. student in the Administration of Justice Program

Dr. Martha Shockey, Crystal Campbell, and I attended the 2006 Peace Colloquy, a Restorative Justice Conference, in Kansas City, MO. The theme of the conference was “Justice for Everyone: Reframe, Repair, Restore,” and presented the concept of restorative justice as more than an idealistic alternative for offenders, but a realistic policy option to reduce recidivism and adequately address the needs of the victim, the offender, and the community.

Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice, Michael Wolf, addressed the urgency for policy changes that include restorative justice and alternative sentencing, and emphasized the futility of the current trend of warehousing offenders in prison. This background information set the stage for the subsequent sessions detailing restorative justice in action, even in cases of murder and sexual assault. Azim Khamisa shared his unforgettable and moving experience with how the ideals and principles of restorative justice helped him cope with the murder of his 20-year old son, Tariq. Azim reached out to both the eighth grade boy serving time in Pelican Bay for Tariq’s murder and his grandfather to form the Tariq Khamisa Foundation. This foundation travels to schools around the nation to speak with children about violence, the consequences of actions, positive alternatives, and the importance of forgiveness.

Restorative Justice is a comprehensive and holistic response to crime that holds the offender accountable to both the victim and the community. This conference provided a forum for professionals to share their experiences and involvement with restorative justice and the positive impact it is having here in Missouri. Agencies from Canada and New Zealand presented additional restorative justice models that work in their respective communities which inspired hope for alternative sentencing, reduced recidivism, and healed communities.
**Anthropology News**

**Applied Anthropology Course**

This year’s anthropology curriculum added a new course in Applied Anthropology, taught by Dr. Liz Fathman. Applied anthropology is the application of anthropological data, perspectives, theory, and methods to identify, assess, and solve social problems. Students in the class are learning how to apply anthropological methods and theories to actual real-world problems. The course culminates in a semester-long project in which each student performs a policy, needs, and assessment analysis of a local service-providing agency or business. Projects chosen include Gateway Greening, prisoner work-readiness programs, services for refugees and victims of war crimes, a local arcade-type entertainment provider, and KDHX community media. Other activities include participation in a focus group, design and analysis of questionnaires and surveys, and participant observation. Students find an opportunity in this class to apply concepts learned in other classes such as cultural anthropology, organizational theory, corrections and law enforcement to their “work” in applied anthropology.

**Midwest Primate Interest Group**

The 3rd annual meeting of the Midwest Primate Interest Group (MPIG) was held at the University of Illinois, during October, 2006. Dr. MacKinnon is a co-founder of this organization which provides primatology students and faculty from over 25 Midwestern universities and colleges the opportunity to come together as an intellectual community to discuss theoretical ideas and present recent research. This year’s roundtable discussion highlighted recent advances in primatology fieldwork technologies. Undergraduate and graduate students from SLU, UMSL and Washington University were among the 100+ participants this year.

**Anthropology Conference in Oxford, UK**

Dr. MacKinnon was invited to participate in an international conference titled "Fieldwork: Examining its Practice by Biological Anthropologists and Primatologists," held at Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University in England during May, 2006. The interdisciplinary conference included cultural anthropologists, archaeologists, biological anthropologists, and primatologists from England, the U.S., Canada, Germany, and Japan. A book from the conference is currently in the works.

**Fieldwork in Suriname**

During summer of 2006, Dr. Katherine MacKinnon returned to her fieldwork site of Brownsberg Nature Park in the South American country of Suriname to continue research on a social group of brown capuchin monkeys (C. apella). She is taking part in a multi-faceted research project with colleagues at Kent State University that is examining the community ecology of several primate species at Brownsberg. Part of the larger aims of that study will be to assess the impact of legal and illegal gold mining on the wildlife in the park, and its effects on the local human population.
Faculty Publications

Some recent publications by faculty in the department


Faculty Presentations

Some recent professional presentations by faculty in the department

Dr. Gretchen Arnold presented: "Social Activism in Collaboration with Progressive St. Louis Groups" at the annual meetings of the Association for Humanist Sociology on November 4th in St. Louis.

Dr. Scott Harris presented: “Teaching Research Methods from a Humanist Perspective” at the annual meetings of the Association for Humanist Sociology on November 2nd in St. Louis.

Dr. Katherine C. MacKinnon presented: "Of kites and capuchins: Interspecific associations between a small raptor (Harpagus bidentatus) and brown capuchins (Cebus apella) in Brownsberg Naturepark, Suriname,” at the 3rd annual meeting of the Midwest Primate Interest Group, October 13-14, at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. MacKinnon also presented: "Ethics in Field Primatology: Participants and pluralities” as part of the interdisciplinary conference, Fieldwork: Examining Its Practice by Biological Anthropologists and Primatologists, held May 5-6, 2006 at Oxford Brookes University and University of Oxford, England.

Dr. Dyan McGuire presented: "Misogyny: It’s Still the Law” at the annual meeting in September of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in Chicago, Illinois. Dr.McGuire’s student, Steve Donner, co-presented with her at this conference.

Dr. Katherine MacKinnon co-edited a new volume on primates, published by Oxford Univ. Press.
**Student Activities**

**ACJS**

*By: Alyssa Hauck, President of the Association of Criminal Justice, Sociology, and Anthropology student organization*

The Association of Criminal Justice and Sociology is experiencing new life this academic year and would like everyone to be a part of it! We started the fall semester strong with two general meetings in which various business was discussed. We have had several pertinent guest speakers come talk about graduate school preparation and what to do with a degree from our department. Dr. Scott Harris held an information session on preparation for graduate school and the application process. Mike Schmid, a 1995 SLU graduate of Sociology and Criminal Justice, came to speak about graduate school and success in the real world. Dr. Chikako Usui from University of Missouri-St. Louis and Dr. David Kauzlarich from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville came to speak about their respective graduate programs.

The spring semester promises to be as eventful as the fall. We are planning to feature speakers regarding the minimum wage and illegal drugs. The association is very interested in going on tours of both the Primate House at the Saint Louis Zoo (for those interested in Anthropology, or just primates in general) and the County Jail and Courthouse (for those more Criminal Justice minded). Movie nights, where we watch films pertinent to our disciplines with discussions following, are also in the works. Additionally, we are planning to make t-shirts this coming spring and have a wonderful design from senior Andrew Bisto that includes Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Anthropology.

We are always looking for more input from students, faculty and staff, on ways to make our department even better than it already is. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Alyssa Hauck, ACJS President, at hauckac@slu.edu.

**Student Internships**

*By: Carrie Menendez, Director of the Fieldwork Practicum and Student Internship Programs*

During the Fall Semester of 2006 students enrolled in Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Sociology practicum will complete over 4,000 hours of service in the St. Louis Metropolitan Region. Students are located at the Public Defender’s Office, the MO Attorney General’s Office, the US and MO Boards of Probation and Parole, the Crime Victim Advocacy Center, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and a range of other various locations.

Jessica Berry, a student enrolled in the Forensic Science Certificate Program, is interning at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department’s Crime Lab this semester. Jessica’s internship has provided her with an array of experiences with the Evidence Technician Unit and in the lab identifying fingerprints and the biological screening of substances in the DNA Lab. She states that, “I actually get to see the things that we talk about in class. I get more detail in the lab than I would ever get in the classroom.”

This year the department has undergone some new and exciting changes for the internship program. Students currently enrolled in the Practicum course are not only getting experience out in the field, they are also sharing their experiences and their stories with their classmates in a classroom setting. During our monthly classes, we have had the pleasure of having a former graduate, a county public defender, a lab technician from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, and a Probation and Parole officer guest lecture.

For more information on upcoming guest lectures, or if you are an alum and interested in sharing your work experience with the practicum students, please contact Carrie Menendez at menende@slu.edu.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**