



Criminal Justice Studies Program

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In this issue, we feature Program events for 2018-2019, including the **Susette M. Talarico** lecture delivered by Judge Steve Goss. Interest in studying criminal justice continues to be strong, with 232 majors/intended majors and 134 minors enrolled during spring 2019. Opportunities for experiential learning, including internships, are highlighted in the pages below. This issue also offers an opportunity to note a few of the many awards won by our accomplished students and affiliated faculty. To find out more about CJSP, please check out our web site at: cjstudies.uga.edu

Susette Talarico lecture

On March 19th, **Judge Steve Goss** of the Georgia Court of Appeals delivered the 10th annual lecture in the series named after the long-time director of CJSP. Speaking before a capacity crowd, Judge Goss discussed the challenges for offenders with mental health issues, including those who also deal with trauma and alcohol and substance abuse.

Judge Goss outlined the progress made in the criminal justice system, including the expansion of Georgia's treatment and accountability courts, prison re-entry programs, jail diversion, and CIT training for law enforcement personnel.

Judge Goss, a former student of Dr. Talarico's, is also a graduate of UGA's school of law. Prior to his appointment to the appeals court, Judge Goss served for 23 years as a trial court judge in Albany where he founded the first mental health court in Georgia.

This series, supported by the Susette Talarico fund and the CJ Society, brings practitioners and scholars to campus to discuss current issues in the criminal justice system. Previous lecturers include LaGrange Chief of Police and former IACP President **Louis Dekmar** (2018) and **Christopher Uggen**, Regents Distinguished McKnight Professor of Law and Sociology, University of Minnesota (2017). The next lecture will be held in the spring of 2020.



*Judge Goss' lecture (above) and with
Susette Talarico family members below)*



Congratulations, Class of 2019!

Each year, CJSP hosts a senior recognition banquet to honor those who will be graduating spring, summer, or fall. On March 29th, CJ affiliated faculty and staff gathered with graduates, their friends, and family to celebrate. Following a brief message from alum Ms. **Victoria Bowman**, CJSP recognized students for their academic achievements and service to the Program.



Victoria Bowman (class of '05)



Members of Alpha Phi Sigma, CJ Honor Society



Shikha Patel, award for best research paper



CJ majors, 2019 graduates



Academic honors



CJ Society officers: Makayla Mincey, Adam Hubbard, Megan Boyd, Thelma Aguilar-Gutierrez



*Cecilia Walker
Outstanding Senior*



*Jacob Kepes, Pres.
CJ Society*

Faculty award winners



CJSP affiliated faculty boast a number of teaching awards and 2018-2019 was no exception. Dr. **Sarah Shannon** (above) received the Russell award, the University's highest early career honor for teaching. A highlight for many cj majors has been the opportunity to enroll in Dr. Shannon's Inside-Out class where a small number of students and residents from ACC jail participate in a class designed to share ideas and perceptions of the CJ system. Dr. **Christy Boyd** was also recently recognized for outstanding instruction in the School of Public and International Affairs and by the graduate school for her mentoring of students.

Susette Talarico Public Service

With support from the Susette Talarico fund, the Program annually recognizes a senior who has achieved an outstanding record of service and leadership while a CJ major at UGA. This year's recipient is **Alexandria Clark**. In



addition to volunteering with the ACC Solicitor General's office to support crime victims, Alex was active in UGA Rotaract Club and the UGA rowing team. In her

senior year, Alex was selected by her rowing team mates to serve as captain. She led her team in many ways, recruiting them to serve as volunteers in community service activities. After graduating *magna cum laude* with minors in African American studies and sports management, Alex begins the next chapter as a student at UGA's law school in the fall.

Lessons from the field...

In October 2018, Mr. **Todd Krohn** led another tour of state correctional facilities. A group of 25 boarded a UGA bus for a two-hour ride to GDCP in Butts County, Georgia.



Students saw first-hand how GDOC conducts diagnostic processing for offenders and viewed housing for offenders in a facility that includes inmates on death row. This field trip was made possible with support from the **Will Bush Professional Development Fund**. A special thank you to GDOC staff and CJSP alum, GDOC General Counsel **Jennifer Greene Ammons**, for assisting with arrangements for the visit.

In the spring, students in POLS 4905 (Criminal Justice Practice) heard from practitioners in class and in the field through their informational interviews. Small groups of students visited local police departments, the courthouse, the GBI, and lawyers' offices. Included in these visits was a trip for five CJ majors to a different side of the international terminal at the Atlanta airport: CBP operations at a Port of Entry (POE) and HSI criminal investigations. Thank you to HSI agents for taking the time to lead students on an interesting tour!

On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month during the 2018-19 academic year, the **CJ society** hosted over 25 speakers from a wide range of agencies, nonprofits, firms, and organizations. The Society also supported the alumni panel, field trips to correctional facilities, the Susette Talarico lecture, other events, and a service project for UGA PD. There are many to thank, including **Mrs. Marian Arnold** and former presidents **Jacob Kepes** and **Olivia Jenkins**. With support from the Society's executive board, incoming co-presidents **Liz Johnson** and **Georgia Stophel** are ready to continue building on these traditions.

Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships

CJSP administers multiple scholarships through four four endowed funds: **Sherry Lyons-Williams, Kenneth McCarthy, James T. (Tommy) Morris, and Susette M. Talarico**. More information on the scholarship application process can be found at: cjstudies.uga.edu/scholarships. Due to multiple generous donations in 2018-2019, CJSP administered substantially more scholarship funding for this past academic year: 17 awards, totaling: \$16,650. By comparison, in 2017-2018, \$11,100 in scholarships were awarded. In addition, a new fund was established to honor Mrs. **Dori Porter** who retired at the end of 2014. If enough contributions are made to the fund, awards will be made from it to help defray costs for students during their internships. To find out more about how to support these funds: cjstudies.uga.edu/support-criminal-justice-studies

CJSP Program Notes....

Since 2016, UGA students, including many CJ majors, have traveled with **Dr. Clay-Warner** and **Dr. Haire** for three weeks in July to study crime and justice in the UK. For more information about studying outside the US:



Wales, 2017

<https://international.uga.edu/oie>

Mr. Phares was nominated (again) by students for the “outstanding adviser” award given by Franklin College. Although the award went elsewhere, student comments clearly suggested that cj majors know that they were being advised by the best.



Interns, interns, interns

In the past academic year, CJ majors placed in 35+ organizations throughout the state and nation. Working with Mr. **Todd Krohn**, students found placements that would allow them an opportunity to build on their coursework and learn in an area of interest.

Approximately 20 percent of CJ majors who interned were placed in law office settings in the private and public sectors. These placements included working with district attorneys, solicitors, public defenders (including a capital defender), and criminal defense lawyers. Of these, three interned in Washington, with the DC public defender and a clinic at Georgetown Law. Others interested in the legal profession and court administration placed with Gordon Co. Probate Court, the Council for Court Excellence in DC and Fayette Co. Clerk of Courts.

Students interested in law enforcement pursued opportunities with the GBI and local police departments, including those in the Athens area (ACCPD, UGPD), metro Atlanta (Peachtree City, Walton Co. sheriff-cold case unit), Augusta (Richmond Co), Tybee, and beyond (Los Angeles PD, Visalia, CA PD). Over the past year, students interned with two federal law enforcement agencies: US Marshals’ SERFTF and the US Secret Service. Student interest in investigations led to a placement with a private firm and another focused on fraud-financial crime with Ga. Department of Revenue.

About 20 percent of student-interns placed with organizations that focus on at risk families (DJJ, DFACs, A Sparrow’s Nest), including victims of violence (Partnership against Domestic Violence, Project Safe, Tapestry). One student, who is headed off to graduate school, completed an internship with the CDC that focused on violence research.

A significant number of CJ majors placed with agencies that supervise offenders outside of the prison setting (US Probation, Ga. Dept of Community Supervision, DRC), including internships with treatment and accountability courts in Athens, Barrow County, and Cobb County.

All majors are strongly encouraged to attend informational sessions on internships shortly after being admitted to the major. A successful placement in a competitive program requires careful planning. As we head off to another academic year, students continue to seek out new opportunities. For more information on CJ internships, please contact Mr. Krohn at tmkrohn@uga.edu.