

Annual Report 2020/21

Department of Justice Studies

San José State University





Introduction

The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic brought many challenges in 2020-21. It was a year for online courses, alternative internships and virtual events. All of us, I think, have a Covid 19 story to tell, and for too many, it includes struggle and loss. Despite the challenges, students persevered, adapted, and succeeded. We celebrated 297 graduates from our Justice Studies and Forensic Science programs and 374 students achieved at the level of President's scholars or Dean's scholars. A number of our faculty won awards for their excellence in teaching online and program directors found ways to advance their programs using video conferencing and other technologies.

It was a year of national conversations about racism and its impact, spurred by the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. A year when San José suffered the worst mass murder in its history. Faculty organized lectures by leading scholars on police shootings, incarceration and other topics; contributed to wider discussion in the news media, and led anti-racism initiatives for the university community. Students joined with faculty and alumni to host panels on trauma, recovery and other critical issues.

It was also a year for new beginnings. The Department of Justice Studies joined the College of Social Sciences, and among the benefits, students participated in the Dean's Student Colloquium. Faculty secured an array of research grants from the College and other sources; several projects with student assistants are getting started this summer. The MS Criminology Program, initiated as a pilot program in 2017, completed the process at SJSU to become a permanent program. We organized a Community Advisory Board, composed of leaders in legal services, criminal justice and forensic science, to help us understand the technological, political, social and other changes shaping the future for our graduates.

I joined SJSU in July 2020, and since then, I have had the opportunity to meet some impressive students, faculty, staff and alumni. There is an array of expertise, a level of accomplishment, and a depth of commitment that's truly inspiring. The more I learn, the more proud I am to say: "I'm with the Department of Justice Studies at San José State." And, I believe that by working together, perhaps in ways we have not done before, we can make a tremendous contribution to our region, our nation, and our world.

*Paul Knepper
Professor and Chair
June 2021*

Student Honors and Awards

At the Honors Convocation in April 2021, President Mary Papazian recognized 85 students with a major in the Department of Justice Studies as President's Scholars. To receive this honor, a student must have a 4.0 GPA for the Fall or Spring semester prior to Spring Convocation.

There were 289 students with a major in the Department of Justice Studies in 2020-21 who became Dean's Scholars. To receive this honor, a student must have a GPA of 3.65 or higher in at least two contiguous semesters.

In Spring 2021, the Department of Justice Studies held a Paper of the Year Competition for students. A faculty panel, chaired by Mary Juno, judged the submissions.

- Rowan Dunton received first prize of \$300 for his essay "The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on Women's Financial Wellbeing".
- Jill Kessler-Miller won second prize of \$200 for her essay, "Social Control and the Use of Dogs in Law Enforcement".
- Sam Klopstock and Ruqayyah Sorathia tied for third prize; each received \$100. Sam Klopstock's paper was entitled "The Efficacy of US-Mexico Border Enforcement in Relation to Crime Prevention" and Ruqayyah Sorathia's paper was entitled "The Lasting Impact of Deinstitutionalization: Policing the Mental Health Crisis".

Alvin Lin received a scholarship from the California Association of Criminalists for a research project supervised by Bryce Westlake and Tang Moh from SJSU's Department of Computer Science.



Scholarships

Each year, the Department of Justice Studies awards a number of scholarships, made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Janet Hagemann, made awards for 2021 to several students.

- The Kristofer Boaz Claspill Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$5000, went to Kristine Welcher.
- The Jeffrey Fontana Memorial Scholarship, amounting to \$4500, was awarded to Emily Dang.
- The Paula Stone Hubbell Endowment Scholarship, amounting to \$3000 was shared by graduate students Michelle Lujan and Allyson Galan. Each received \$1500.
- The Simpson-Silva Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Michelle Lujan, Rowan Dunton, and Enrique Guerra; each recipient received \$2000.
- The Theresa Edel Memorial Scholarship was shared by Kristine Welcher and Anna Gonzalez. Each recipient received \$750.

- The Willard ‘Huck’ Schmidt Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$2000, went to Isabella Mahan.
- The Shelby B. Brewer Memorial Scholarship of \$2500 was awarded to Anna Gonzalez.
- The Daniel P. Lomio Memorial Scholarship of \$1500 went to Clarissa Punla.
- Four students received an award from the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarship: Anna Gonzalez and Sierra Moore each received \$1500 and Hivanna Prado and Ryan Kwong each received \$1000.

Student Activities

Clarissa Punla received \$3499 from the 2021-22 SJSU Student RSCA Grant Initiative for her research project, "Intimate Partner Violence among Mexican and Vietnamese Immigrants during the COVID-19 Pandemic". The project is supervised by Wilson Yuan.



Isabella Mahan received \$1000 from the 2021-22 Student RSCA Grant Initiative for her research project, “Surveying BDSM Communities on the Health and Safety of the Practice.” The project is supervised by Bryce Westlake.

Susan Huynh gave a presentation-on-demand about “Forensic Taphonomy and Proteomics” at the Dean’s Student Colloquium, College of Social Sciences, in April 2021. Her project was supervised by Shawna Bolton.

Rickey Salinas participated in the City of Fresno Municipal Court Student Advocacy Project, a program established by Fresno City College to assist people with appeals and other legal matters.

Yazmin Contreras was selected to participate in the 2021 Summer Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence Internship at the University of Southern California. Yazmin received a stipend of \$1200 to assist in national security research at the Center.

Omar Aruza co-authored a book chapter, “The Ethics of Web Crawling and Web Scraping in Criminological Research: Navigating Issues of Consent, Privacy and Other Potential Harms Associated with Automated Data Collection” appearing in Anita Lavorgna & Thomas Holt, eds, *Researching Cybercrimes: Methodologies, Ethics and Critical Approaches*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

Jen Rushforth and Sabrina Lim served as managing editors for volume VIII of *Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*, and Rowan Dunton became a managing editor for volume IX.

Student Clubs

Alpha Phi Sigma



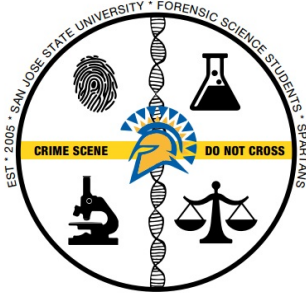
APS students in the Department of Justice Studies comprise the Iota chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) National Criminal Justice Honor Society. The group is dedicated to making a difference on our campus, in our community and in our society. The goal of APS is to honor and promote academic excellence, leadership, unity and community service. Our chapter recently attended the virtual Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference and our chapter president won an attendance scholarship award. Dina Kameda is the faculty advisor, and Harold Peterson, the assistant faculty advisor. Student officers for 2020-21 were: Michelle Lujan, president; Kelly Prashar, vice president; Eduardo Garcia, secretary; Samantha Perea, treasurer.

Chi Pi Sigma



Chi Pi Sigma (CPS) is a co-educational, criminal justice fraternity established at SJSU in 1935. The goal of this fraternity is to provide its members with the social, professional, and educational skills, and the networks needed to succeed in the field of criminal justice. Sheree Martinek is the faculty advisor. The current officers are: Donna Munoz, president; Natalie Rocha, vice president and director of membership; Caroline Ma, treasurer and philanthropy chair; Henry Fernandez, pledge master; Jose Salinas, pledge trainer and historian; Patrick Vargas, social chair and director of membership.

Forensic Science Students



Forensic Science Students (FSS) is an undergraduate student group for any major interested in the study of forensic science. FSS seeks to establish connections between students and serve as a peer network for advising. Forensic Science Students have helped with many forensic science organizations such as the California Association of Criminalists and American Academy of Forensic Science, along with various other events on campus and around the Bay Area. Officers for 2020-21: Rowan Dunton; president; Analise Medina; treasurer; Mikayla Lee, public relations. Shawna Bolton is the faculty advisor.

Graduate Student Awards and Recognition

Anamaria Arias-Ixta received the Aris Anagnos Graduate Student Scholarship for Human Rights Research from SJSU's Human Rights Institute.

Isabella Mahan was a finalist for the Pre-Doctoral Sally Casanova scholarship from California State University.

Jai Mica Vacca received a Pre-Doctoral Sally Casanova scholarship from California State University.

Graduate Student Activities

Francesca Fanucchi and Sammie Byrd received graduate assistantships from the MS in Justice Studies program during Spring 2021.

Liliana Gomez and Isabella Mahan became managing editors for volume IX of *Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*.

Several graduate students in Justice Studies participated in the Dean's Student Colloquium, College of Social Sciences, in April 2021. The students were supervised by Bryce Westlake.

- Isabella Mahan had a poster session on "Developing Methods to Automatically Detect and Match Faces and Voices in Child Sexual Abuse Videos: Identifying and Overcoming Challenges".
- Erin Afana gave a poster session on "Perception Correction: Addressing Social Stigma around BDSM and Mental Health".
- Enrique Guerra gave a research brief on "Detecting Child Sexual Abuse Images: Traits of Child Sexual Exploitation Hosting and Displaying Websites."
- Francesca Fanucchi gave an academic talk on "The Promotion of Extremist Ideologies within Online Incel Communities."

Liliana Gomez joined in January 2021 the SJSU chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Francesca Fanucchi and Enrique Guerra gave oral presentations at Cybersecurity Revolution 2021, a twenty-four hour digital conference, held in May.

Erin Afana co-authored a forthcoming article, "Developing Methods to Automatically Detect and Match Faces and Voices in Child Abuse Sex Videos: Identifying and Overcoming Challenges" *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice* (2021).

Francesca Fanucchi and former graduate student Ann Soliman submitted a paper, "Rates of Botched Lethal Injections", to the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Enrique Guerra presented "Detecting Child Sexual Abuse Material: Traits of Hosting and Displaying Websites" at the American Society of Criminology - Cybercrime Division virtual conference in September 2020.

Enrique Guerra received in February 2021 a 'revise and resubmit' from the research journal *Child Abuse and Neglect* for his paper "How Obvious is It? Where Child Sexual Abuse Images are Hosted and Displayed on Websites".

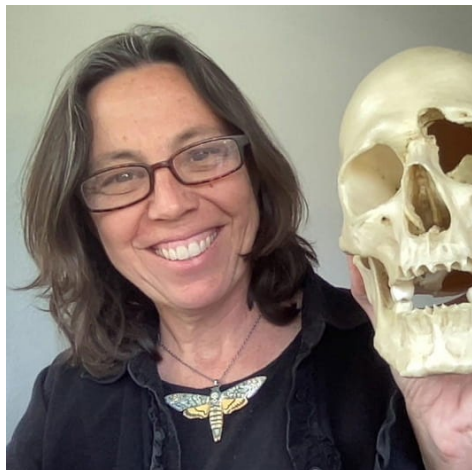
Erin Afana presented her research on misconceptions about BDSM on the Internet Radio show "Sex with Robin" in March 2021.

Erin Afana co-authored a forthcoming journal article "Developing Methods to Automatically Detect and Match Faces and Voices in Child Sexual Abuse Videos: Identifying and Overcoming Challenges" in *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*.

Faculty Recognition

Sang Kil was promoted to full professor.

Ericka Adams was promoted to associate professor with tenure.



Mary Juno was named Outstanding Lecturer at San José State University 2021. She was honored by SJSU President Mary Papazian, along with three other distinguished faculty, at the Faculty Service Recognition Event on April 15, 2021.

Five faculty members were recognized by Peer Connections for excellence in teaching and student support in Fall 2020. Based on a survey sent to students, Peer Connections named Yoko Baba, Allison Martin, Judith Randle, Greg Woods and Gil Zamora as "innovative and student-centered teachers".

Wilson Yuan was recognized at SJSU's Celebration of Research in April 2021 as a winner of the SJSU Research Foundation 2020 Early Career Investigator Award.

Stephen J. Morewitz won the 2020 Gold Telly Award statuette for his Holocaust, ethnicity, and human rights documentary, *Nobody Wants Us*. The documentary was also nominated for a Capital Emmy Award.

Faculty Presentations

Ericka Adams was invited to present her research on "Community Members' Experience with and Strategies to Combat Gang Violence in Trinidad" at the Dean's Research Colloquium, College of Social Sciences, in October 2020.

Ericka Adams organized and moderated a panel, entitled “Black Lives Matter vs. Far Right Extremism: Protests, Movements, and Riots”, that was hosted by the Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology, and the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois Chicago, February 2021.

Ericka Adams organized and moderated a panel, entitled “Activism Among Academics: Creating Change from “The Ivory,”” that was hosted by the Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology and the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois Chicago, November 2020.

Mark Barash had five oral and poster presentations accepted for the 22nd Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, at Sydney, Australia. The conference was rescheduled for 2022.

Mark Barash submitted an abstract for a poster presentation at the Gordon Research Conference on Forensic Analysis of Human DNA, West Dover, VT. The conference was rescheduled for 2023.

John Halushka, “One Stop Reentry Centers: Reducing Service Fragmentation or Widening the Net of Surveillance?” Thematic Session: The Criminal Justice-Welfare State Nexus, Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC. November 2020. Cancelled due to the pandemic.



John Halushka, “One Stop Reentry Centers: Reducing Service Fragmentation or Widening the Net of Surveillance?” *Critical Dialogue: Pathways to Reentry*. Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, 2020. Cancelled due to the pandemic.

John Halushka, “Far From Home: Navigating Housing Insecurity After Prison.” Invited Panel: Precarious Housing Fixes, at Power at the Margins 2020, University of California, Berkeley, 2020. Cancelled due to the pandemic.

John Halushka was invited to give a lecture, “Life After Prison,” in the Legal Studies 160: Punishment, Culture, and Society course at the UC-Berkeley, during Fall 2020.

Edith Kinney was the Featured Scholar for the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society for Criminology Briefing: Translating Research to Policy, “Improving Justice for Women & Girls,” at the 65th Commission on the Status of Women, March 23, 2021.

Stephen J. Morewitz presented a paper, “Teaching Forensic Social Sciences with an Innovative Case Series”, at the annual meeting of the California Sociological Association, November 2020.

Enrique Guerra and Bryce Westlake presented “Detecting Child Sexual Abuse Material: Traits of Hosting and Displaying Websites” at the American Society of Criminology – Cybercrime Division Virtual Conference, September 2020.

Fabiana Taglia, Ling Wang, Nicole Fernandez Tejero, Robert O’Brien, Kevin Lothridge, Bruce McCord, and Steven Lee. “Increasing the Speed and Efficiency of DNA Extractions using a microwave toward increasing the Speed and Success of Rapid DNA Analysis” Poster B48 presented at the American Academy of Forensic Science Meeting, February 2021 (online).

Fabiana Taglia, Ling Wang, Steven Lee, Eric Yan-Hung Yu, Kenya Thomas, Georgiana Gibson Daw, Dide Bolens, Roberta Mariot, Meghan Roig, Mallory Baud, Mirna Ghemrawi, Kevin Lothridge, Bruce McCord, Steven Lee. “Microwave acceleration of DNA Extractions toward Increasing the speed and success of downstream Rapid DNA Analysis,” Oral abstract accepted for the Green Mountain DNA Conference July, 2020 at Burlington, VT. The conference was postponed.

Steven Lee, Ling Wang, Fabiana Taglia, Kevin Lothridge and Bruce McCord. 2020. “Adjusting Microwave Extraction Methods Toward Improving Rapid DNA analysis.” Poster abstract submitted to the Gordon Research Conference on Forensic Analysis of Human DNA. June, 2020. Mt. Snow, VT. Accepted for poster presentation. Postponed.

Fabiana Taglia, Ling Wang, Steven Lee, Eric Yan-Hung Yu, Kenya Thomas, Georgiana Gibson Daw, Dide Bolens, Roberta Mariot, Meghan Roig, Mallory Baud, Mirna Ghemrawi, Kevin Lothridge, and Bruce McCord. “Accelerating DNA Extractions Using a Microwave Toward Increasing the Speed and Success of Rapid DNA Analysis.” Abstract accepted for the Global Forensic and Justice Center, Florida International University, Forensic Science Symposium, June 2020.

Steven Lee, Eric Yan-Hung Yu, Kenya Thomas, Georgiana Gibson Daw, Ling Wang, Dide Bolens, Roberta Mariot, Meghan Roig, Mallory Baud, Mirna Ghemrawi, Fabiana Taglia, Kevin Lothridge, and Bruce McCord. “Accelerating DNA Extractions Using a Microwave Toward Increasing the Speed

and Success of Rapid DNA Analysis.” Poster presented at the American Academy of Forensic Science Meeting, Anaheim, CA. February, 2020.

Claudio Vera Sanchez spoke at La Policía y la Comunidad: A Discussion on Latinx Communities, Police Violence and Black Lives Matter in October 2020, an online event organized by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Greg Woods gave presentations on “A History Related to Citizen Encounters with Law Enforcement” and “Balancing Empathy to Perform the Job” at the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement “Community Perspective on Oversight” virtual webinar on Sept 16, 2020.

Greg Woods presented "Everything You Ought To Know About the U.S. Constitution" to members of the Peninsula Roundtable and also recorded "Policing From Where We Are" for video distribution on behalf of SJSU's Center for Continuing Education.

Greg Woods made a presentation to the Half Moon Bay City Council about “The Future of Public Safety, Ethics and Accountability in Policing”, June 2021.

Peggy Stevenson was an invited speaker for the Legal Aid Association of California workshop, “Drafting Declarations: Style and Advocacy” in May 2020.

Peggy Stevenson was an invited speaker at the Legal Aid Association of California workshop, “Legal Interpreting: Guidance for Attorneys and Interpreters in Conducting Legal Interviews”, with Lupe Buenrostro, in April 2020.

Faculty Publications

Baba, Yoko; Lee, James; and Vallerga, Michael. 2020. “Exploring Family Multi-Type Maltreatment, Social Support, and Externalizing and Internalizing Problems Among Asian and Asian America College Students” *Asian Journal of Social Science Studies* 5(3): 1-17.



Wyner N., Barash M., McNevin D. 2020. “Forensic autosomal short tandem repeats (STRs) and their potential association with phenotype” *Frontiers in Genetics* (in press).

Prasad E., Barash M., Hitchcock C., van Oorchot R.A.H., Raymond J., McNevin D., Gunn P. 2020 “Evaluation of soaking to recover trace DNA from fired cartridge cases” *Australian Journal of Forensic Science* (in press)

Wyner, N; Barash, M; and McNevin, D. 2020. “Forensic autosomal short tandem repeats (STRs) and their potential association with phenotype”. *Frontiers in Genetics* 11: 884.

Prasad, E; Atwood, L; van Oorchot, R; McNevin, D; Barash, M; Gunn, P and Raymond, J. 2020. “DNA recovery from unfired and

fired cartridge cases: The comparative success rates of swabbing, taping, vacuum filtration and direct PCR” *Forensic Science International* 317(4): 110507.

McNevin, D; Wright, K; Barash, M; Gomes, S; Jamison, A; Chaseling, J. 2021. “Proposed framework for comparison of continuous probabilistic genotyping systems amongst different laboratories”. *Forensic Sciences* 1(1): 33-45.

Prasad, E; Atwood, L; van Oorchot, R; McNevin, D; Barash, M; Raymond, J. 2021. “Trace DNA recovery rates from firearms and ammunition as revealed by casework data” *Australian Journal of Forensic Sciences*. (in press)



Ghatak, Sambuddha and Karakaya, Suveyda. 2021. “Terrorists as Rebels: Territorial Goals, Oil Resources, and Civil War Onset in Terrorist Campaigns” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 17 (1):

Halushka, John. 2020. “The Runaround: Punishment, Welfare, and Poverty Survival After Prison.” *Social Problems* 67(2): 233-250.

Rafizadeh, E., Morewitz, S., & Mukherjea, A. 2021. “Handwritten Journals for Supporting Behavior Change Among University Students.” *International Journal of Health, Wellness, and Society* 11(1): 143-157

Howard, Grace. 2020. “The Pregnancy Police: Surveillance, Regulation and Control” *Yale Law and Policy Review* 14(2): 347-363.

Knepper, Paul 2021. “Jeremy Bentham and Historical Criminology” in Scott Jacques and Philip Schofield, eds, *Jeremy Bentham on Police: The Unknown Story and What It Means for Criminology*. London: UCL Press.

Brewer, R; Westlake, B; Swearingen, T., Ross, A., & Michalski, D. 2021. “Focusing Child Sexual Abuse Investigations Using Face and Voice Recognition Data Extracted from Videos: Implementing Novel Analytical Techniques” *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*. (Online first)

Westlake, B., Brewer, R., Swearingen, T., Frank, R., Ross, A., Michalski, D., Logos, K., Hole, M., & Afana, E. 2021. “Developing Methods to Automatically Detect and Match Faces and Voices in Child Sexual Abuse Videos: Identifying and Overcoming Challenges.” *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*. (Online first)

Brewer, R., Westlake, B., Hart, T., & Aruza, O. 2021. “The Ethics of Web Crawling and Web Scraping in Criminological Research: Navigating Issues of Consent, Privacy and Other Potential Harms Associated with Automated Data Collection” In Anita Lavorgna & Thomas Holt, eds, *Researching Cybercrimes: Methodologies, Ethics and Critical Approaches*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Westlake, Bryce. 2020. “The Past, Present, and Future of Online Child Sexual Exploitation: Summarizing the Evolution of Production, Distribution, and Detection.” Pp. 1225-1253 In Thomas Holt and Adam Bossler, eds, *The Palgrave Handbook of International Cybercrime and Cyberdeviance*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Wilson Yuan published an Op-Ed, “Stop Staying Silent on Racial Discrimination Against Asians,” in *Newsweek*, March 9, 2021.

White, Thomas and Steven Lee. 2020. “Genetics, Ethics, Privacy and Public Policy.” Pp 329-362 in Henry Erlich, Eric Stover and Thomas White, eds, *Silent Witness: Applying Forensic DNA Evidence in Criminal Investigations and Humanitarian Disasters*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Calloway, Cassandra and Lee, Steven. 2020. “Recent Developments in Forensic DNA Technology” Pp 105-127 in Henry Erlich, Eric Stover, and Thomas, White, eds, *Silent Witness: Applying Forensic DNA Evidence in Criminal Investigations and Humanitarian Disasters*. New York: Oxford University Press.



Faculty Activities

Roni Abusaad and Edith Kinney were among ten faculty selected by SJSU’s Sustainability Board and Office for Sustainability to include new sustainability modules in their curriculum for Fall 2021. They each received \$500 from SJSU’s Center for Faculty Development.

Ericka Adams served on the Scholarships Committee, College of Social Sciences, San José State University, and on the Core Team, Human Rights Institute, San José State University.

Ericka Adams was named Executive Counselor, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology.

Ericka Adams served on the editorial board for *Race and Justice: An International Journal*.

Mark Barash served on the editorial board for *International Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

Mark Barash served on the editorial board for the *International Journal of Genetics and Genomics*.

Mark Barash reviewed manuscripts for *PLOS* and *Gene*.

Mark Barash served as a supervisor for two PhD students at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.



Alessandro De Giorgi was named editor-in-chief of *Punishment & Society* journal.

Alessandro De Giorgi served on the editorial board of *Social Justice*.

Sambuddha Ghatak was elected to represent SJSU's College of Social Sciences in the California Faculty Association.

John Halushka reviewed manuscripts for *Punishment and Society*; *Qualitative Sociology*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, and *Law and Society Review*

John Halushka reviewed book proposals for New York University Press and Stanford University Press.

John Halushka served as Vice Chair, Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Mary Juno joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Forensic Science Education*.

Sang Kil chaired the Anti-Racism Social Justice Transformation Committee at SJSU, a committee of the California Faculty Association's Council for Racial and Social Justice.

Edith Kinney co-chaired SJSU's Task Force on Community and Policing commissioned by President Mary Papazian.

Edith Kinney was selected to serve on the Law and Society Association Paper Prize 2021 Committee.

Edith Kinney participated in the United Nations Lecture Series featuring Angela Davis, a series organized by SJSU's Human Rights Institute.

Paul Knepper served on the editorial board for *Crime, Histoire & Sociétés/Crime, History & Societies* journal.

Paul Knepper taught a course (online) in April 2021 entitled "The History of Criminological Thinking" on the MS in Criminology and Security program at the School of Criminal Sciences, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Steven Lee was selected to serve as the criminalistics representative on the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Presidential Ad-Hoc Mentorship Committee 2020.

Steven Lee was selected to serve as Co-Chair of the 2020 Gordon Research Conference on Forensic Analysis of DNA.

Steven Lee continued to serve on the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science, Digital Multimedia, Facial Identification subcommittee, where he has served since 2017, and on the American Academy of Forensic Sciences DNA Consensus Group Standards Board, where he has served since 2016.



Stephen J. Morewitz is the founding editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Forensic Social Sciences* and the *International Journal of Missing Persons*.

Stephen J. Morewitz is editor-in-chief of *The Forensic Social Scientist*, the official newsletter of the Forensic Social Sciences Association. He is founder and president of the Forensic Social Sciences Association.

Stephen J. Morewitz was a reviewer for a Rothschild Foundation grant application, a book proposals at Elsevier and Routledge, and papers submitted to *International Criminal Justice Review*.

Bryce Westlake continues to serve with the Scientific Working Group for Digital Evidence, which brings together digital forensic investigators from government and industry to develop best practices and policies for the discipline.



Susie Rivera served on the Community Interview Panel, organized by the San José City Council, as part of the search for the City’s police chief during Spring 2021.

Bryce Westlake reviewed seven papers for five journals: *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*, *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, *Social Science Research*, and *Social Science Computer Review*.

Greg Woods wrote and presented “Policing in the Current Political and Social Climate” to members of the San José Police Department and other agency personnel, a first of its kind law enforcement training model.

Gil Zamora served on SJSU’s Task Force on Community and Policing commissioned by President Mary Papazian.

Faculty Research Activity and Grants

Ericka Adams, along with Elsa Chen, Santa Clara University, and Sarah Lageson, Rutgers University, was awarded \$441,093 by the Clean Slate Initiative New Venture Fund for "The Impact of Automated Record Clearance on Individuals, Families, and Communities: A Qualitative Inquiry".

Mark Barash received \$7,499 from the 2021-22 SJSU RSCA Seed Grant Program for "Predicting Externally Visible Human Appearance from a DNA Sample for Law Enforcement Applications".

Shawna Bolton, Jodie Warren and Bryce Westlake received University Grants Academy awards for Spring 2021 from the College of Social Sciences.

Bryce Westlake received \$7500 SJSU Central RSCA for "Validating an Automated Biometrics Tool for Detecting Children Sexual Exploitation in Videos" in Spring 2020.



Bryce Westlake completed "Developing Automated Audio and Facial Recognition Biometrics Tools for Detecting Child Exploitation Material" for the Commonwealth of Australia in Fall 2020 (\$169,298 AUD).

Steven Lee was a co-principal investigator on a grant application with Stoiloff, S., McCord, B., B. Young concerning "Resolving Casework Mixtures Using STR Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) with New Mixture Ace Software", submitted to the National Institute of Justice, Research and

Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories program. Amount requested \$497,000.

Steven Lee was a co-principal investigator with McCord, B., De Etta Mills and Glendon Parker on a grant application, “Improving statistical match probability for touch samples through cell-free DNA and proteomic genotyping”, submitted to the National Institute of Justice Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes program. Amount requested \$400,000.

Steven Lee was awarded \$296,987 as a co-principle investigator with Bruce McCord and Kevin Lothridge for Rapid Microwave Extraction for DNA Analysis: Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office.

Faculty in the News

In May 2020 John Halushka was interviewed by KTVU-TV 2 for a story about zero bail policies for low-level suspects arrested during the pandemic.

Sang Kil was interviewed by *Spartan Daily* in a story entitled “Campus Leaders Urge Community Police Reform”, March 25, 2021, about her work organizing a discussion at SJSU about alleged incidents of corruption by SJSU’s Police Department.

Paul Knepper was interviewed by *San José Spotlight* newsmagazine for an article entitled “San Jose Police Chief Finalists Talk Racial Equity, Biased Policing and Use of Force”, February 13, 2021.

Stephen J. Morewitz was interviewed by National Public Radio (NPR) about his research on the Holocaust controversy involving the rescue of European Jewish refugees escaping Nazi Europe in September 1940.

Stephen J. Morewitz was quoted in a *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper article about his Holocaust, ethnicity, and human rights documentary, *Nobody Wants Us*.

Ericka Adams was interviewed for a story entitled “Police Response Causes Protestors to Shift Their Tactics” in *Spartan Daily* in November 2020 about the Ann Lucas lecture featuring Jennifer Cobbina.

Bryce Westlake gave an expert interview to KTVU-TV 2 about “Agents descend upon Milpitas neighborhood for child pornography investigation”.

Bryce Westlake was interviewed about research on BDSM for the Internet Radio show "Sex with Robin" in March 2021.

Claudio Vera Sanchez was interviewed in June 2020 by KTVU-TV 2 for stories about “Defunding the Police” and “Police Reforms and Police in Schools”.

Greg Woods was interviewed by the BBC for a story on “Trump’s Impeachment” and by KAZU radio on “Pacific Grove Police Officer Accused of Racist Posts”

Greg Woods was interviewed in November 2020 by KTVU-TV 2 for stories on “Swatting Calls” and “Stabbing at SJ Church”. He was also interviewed for a KTVU story in May 2021 about the impact of police shootings on communities.



Greg Woods was interviewed by *Half Moon Bay Review* for a story entitled “City Council to Consider Sweeping Police Reforms”, May 14, 2021.

Greg Woods did four interviews about the mass shooting at the VTA in San Jose in May 2021: KRON-TV, KTVU-TV and KCBS Radio.

Greg Woods’s presentation to the Half Moon Bay City Council in support of a new public safety initiative was reported in a San Mateo County News story about the meeting, June 2021.

Transitions

Professor Yoko Baba retired from SJSU in Spring 2020. During 2020-21, she re-joined the Department of Justice Studies as a lecturer. She taught JS 151 Theoretical Criminology.

Michelle Waldron joined the Department of Justice Studies as a lecturer. She taught JS 267 Crime and Gender Around the World on the MS Criminology-Global Criminology program during the Spring 2021 Special Session. She has a PhD in Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology from the University of Stirling, Scotland.

Department Activities and Events

In February 2021, Dr Elizabeth Brown of San Francisco State University made a virtual visit to the Department. She served as the external reviewer for the MS Criminology—Global Criminology Concentration program.

In March 2021, the Department co-hosted with SJSU’s Institute of Metropolitan Studies a presentation (online) by Jan Doering, MacGill University. He spoke about his book, *Us vs Them: Race, Crime and Gentrification in Chicago Neighborhoods*. Alessandro De Giorgi organized the event for the Department.

James A. Piazza, Pennsylvania State University, gave a virtual presentation at the Department in April 2021, on “Social Media, Online Disinformation and Terrorism”. The event was organized by Sambuddha Ghatak.

Students from Eastside Union High School District joined Justice Studies courses in Spring 2021 as part of SJSU’s Step Into College Program. Gil Zamora, Roni Abusaad and Greg Woods welcomed STEPS students into their courses.



SJSU’s chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma hosted an online panel presentation on April 16, 2021, for students to meet faculty in the Department and learn about career fields. “Meet Our ‘Unbeatable’ Professors” featured Bryce Westlake, Natalie Birthelmer, Sambuddha Ghatak, Hal Peterson and Dina Kameda.

Record Clearance Project

The Record Clearance Project, founded by Peggy Stevenson, is a prominent service program that gives students interested in law an experience working with clients in a clinical setting, while familiarizing them to the needs and perspectives of persons convicted of minor crimes. The RCP program makes SJSU the only university in the USA to offer a clinical legal program for undergraduates. It is a unique clinical program that teaches transferable skills including preparing petitions, community presentations, interviewing, and mentoring.

RCP works for racial justice in repairing—to the extent possible—some of the harm of a biased criminal law system. The harm was amplified by the pandemic, which has sowed physical and economic devastation disproportionately among people of color. People with records are almost five times more likely than the general public to be unemployed. Since people of color are disproportionately stopped by police, held in custody pretrial, charged with more serious crimes, offered less favorable pleas, and sentenced more severely, helping people use available legal remedies to eliminate the barriers imposed by a record is a step toward racial justice.

In March 2020, the RCP began its transition from its in-person clinical program into an online model. Despite the challenges of working in virtual space, RCP:

- Trained 64 students in expungement law, many of which are first-generation students considering careers in law.
- Conducted 17 virtual presentations on California expungement and rights of those with criminal histories to 249 people in jail across California.
- Held 5 court hearings for 18 RCP clients, where 100% of petitions for dismissal were granted, clearing 46 cases and waiving \$23,035 in court debt.
- Facilitated 6 virtual speed screenings where RCP met with 131 community members to explain what appeared on their records and steps to be taken to clear these records.

During March 2021, RCP hosted the Alternative Spring Break for law students. Students from law schools at Stanford University and UC-Berkeley partnered with RCP students, and prepared 18 court petitions for 8 clients. During the week, participants attended a discussion with Judge Shelyna Brown.



Collaborative Response to Family Violence

The goal of the Collaborative Response to Family Violence (CRFV) certificate program is to improve policy and service outcomes in responding to family violence by increasing collaborative capacities within victim service professionals. The program advances the mission of the Department by developing critical actors in pursuit of justice for victims of family violence, contributing to a more just society. Through this program, the Department seeks to contribute to the interdisciplinary network of professionals trained to meet the complex demands of families impacted by violence to better inform service delivery and policy development based on sound knowledge of family violence and transdisciplinary collaboration.

During 2021-22, Maureen Lowell, director of the CRFV program, taught JS 137 Collaborative Response to Family Violence, a course open to upper-division undergraduate and graduate students. The coursework included an examination of social conditions brought about by COVID-19 which have intensified family violence and the need for collaboration.

Justice Studies Task Force

The Justice Studies Task Force began with the Confidence Challenge in 2010, a physical agility event from students, faculty and alumni to promote collaboration. The Task Force took on responsibility for annual student recognition events in 2013, and in 2015, initiated the “Beyond the Books” series to provide knowledge about careers. The Task Force is composed of representatives from student clubs, as well as faculty and alumni.

In March 2021, the Task Force reached \$50,000, the amount needed to establish an endowment for the Student Success Fund. The Task Force began raising money for the Student Success Fund in 2016, a fund to provide assistance to students in Justice Studies or Forensic Science. The Department will be able to make awards from the Student Success fund in 2021/22.

This year, the Task Force organized three “Beyond the Books” events: “Behind the Scenes: Non-Sworn Careers in Law Enforcement” October 2020; “Professional Secrets for Stress Management” March 2021, and “Mental Health: Crisis, Recovery and Community” in April 2021.



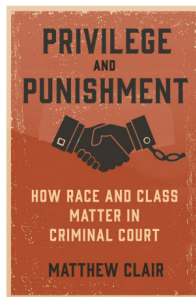
The Task Force organized online recognition celebrations for Fall 2020 graduates and Spring 2020 graduates. Walt Jacobs, Dean of SJSU's College of Social Sciences, was the featured speaker at the Fall and Spring events. Hal Peterson produced the video presentations.

The 2020-21 Executive Committee for the Justice Studies Task Force: Sheree Martinek, president; Nadia Webster, vice president; Janet Hagemann, secretary; Robert Carrera, treasurer.

Ann Lucas Lecture Series

The Ann Lucas Lecture Series in Law and Justice was established in 2009 by San José State University's Department of Justice Studies to honor the memory of Ann Lucas (1962-2009). Before joining the Department in 2000, Dr. Lucas earned her J.D. and Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley. Her internationally recognized research focused on issues of gender inequality, domestic violence, prostitution, and drugs.

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Ann Lucas Lecture Series in Law & Justice

Privilege and Punishment: How Race and Class Matter in Criminal Court

Written by: Dr. Matthew Clair

The number of Americans arrested, brought to court, and incarcerated has skyrocketed in recent decades. Criminal defendants come from all races and economic walks of life, but they experience punishment in vastly different ways. *Privilege and Punishment* examines how racial and class inequalities are embedded in the attorney-client relationship, providing a devastating portrait of inequality and injustice within and beyond the criminal courts. Through extensive fieldwork in the Boston court system, Dr. Matthew Clair uncovers how the attorney-client relationship favors the privileged in criminal court—and denies justice to the poor and to working-class people of color.

Matthew Clair, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Sociology and (by courtesy) Law at Stanford University. His scholarship broadly examines how cultural meanings and interactions reflect, reproduce, and challenge various dimensions of social inequality. His research to date has focused on inequality in the criminal legal system and the legal profession.

Discussion Panelists

Mona Lynch, Ph.D., is Department Chair and Chancellor's Professor of Criminology, Law and Society and Law at University of California, Irvine. She is also the co-director of the Center in Law, Society and Culture at IUC. Her research and writing focuses on the social, psychological, and cultural dynamics of contemporary criminal adjudication and punishment processes, including how those processes produce inequalities.

Garrick Pechaval, Ph.D., is Department Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science at San José State University. His work focuses on American politics, primarily the nexus between crime policy, racial politics, and inequality at the state and local levels of government.

Katheryne Young, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research focuses on understanding the social mechanisms that produce and maintain inequality in the justice system, and includes legal consciousness, criminal procedure, access to civil justice, and legal education.

Discussion Panel
When: Wednesday, May 5 at 1 p.m. PT
Where: Online via ZOOM ([Register Here](#))
Who: Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please contact the moderator
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Jennifer Cobbina, Michigan State University, was the speaker for the Ann Lucas Lecture Fall 2020. She spoke about her book *Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter and How They Changed America*. The event, organized by Ericka Adams, included a panel discussion with Delores Jones-Brown, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (emerita), and Andres Rengifo, Rutgers University-Newark.

Brandon Prins, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, gave an Ann Lucas lecture in April 2021. He spoke about his book, co-authored with Ursula Daxecker, *Pirate Lands: Governance and Maritime Policy*. Sambuddha Ghatak organized the event.

Matthew Clair, Stanford University, was the speaker for the Ann Lucas Lecture in May 2021. He spoke about

“Law and Justice Privilege and Punishment: How Race and Class Matter in Criminal Court”. The event included a panel discussion featuring Mona Lynch, University of California-Irvine; Garrick Percival, SJSU; and Kathryn Young, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. This event was organized by John Halushka.

Brown Bag Research Series

The JS Brown Bag Research Series, initiated by Bryce Westlake and Wilson Yuan, features working papers by Department faculty on current research projects.

Sambuddha Ghatak, “Taming the Beast: Democratic Institutions and Terrorist Groups Involvement in Civil War” January 2021.

John Halushka, “Getting the Runaround: Formerly Incarcerated Men and the Bureaucratic Barriers to Reentry” February 2021.

Shawna Bolton, “Exploring the Biomechanical Breakdown of Postmortem Cartilage as a Tool for Forensic Investigation” March 2021.

Ericka Adams, “Gang Related Homicides in Urban Trinidad: Community Members’ Interventions” April 2021.

Beyond the Books Series

Each year, the Justice Studies Task Force hosts Beyond the Books career panels. Professional in the field are invited to speak to students regarding how they obtained their career, what their job is really like, and provide advice to students interested in that field.

BEHIND THE SCENES
NON-SWORN CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tina De Leon – Property & Evidence Coordinator (CHP)
Jason Hutchinson – Senior Forensic Analyst (NCRIC)
Kehau Ah Yo – Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher (SJPD)
Marian Gimbel – Intelligence Analyst Supervisor (FBI)

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Professional Secrets of Stress Management, March 2021. Scot Smithee, Chief of Police, Gilroy (ret); Kehau Ah Yo, Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher, SJPD; Stacy Cecchet, Forensic and Operational Psychologist, Homeland Security.

Non-Sworn Careers in Law Enforcement, October 2020. Tina De Leon, Property and Evidence Coordinator, CHP; Jason Hutchinson, Senior Forensic Science Analyst, NCRIC; Kehau Ah Yo,

Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher, SJPD; Martin Gimbel, Intelligence Analyst Supervisor, FBI.

Mental Health: Crisis, Recovery and Community, April 2021. Michael Prichard, Legislative Chair, California Consortium of Addictive Programs and Professionals; Tennille Tucker, Supervising Mental Health Clinician, Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Court; and Greg Sinclair, Police Psychologist and Forensic Expert.

Forensic Science Speaker Series

The Forensic Science Speaker Series, founded in 2011 by Steven Lee, brings internationally known experts in forensic science to SJSU.

Bruce Goldfarb spoke about his book, *18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Story of Frances Glessner Lee and the Invention of Modern Forensics*, in October 2020. The event was organized by Shawna Bolton.

Themis Journal

Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science is a student-run academic journal that publishes original justice-related research by SJSU students. Mary Juno, the faculty advisor, launched Themis in 2013, and as of March 2021, more than 264,000 researchers worldwide have downloaded articles.



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Adam Wykoff

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Victoria Wiggins

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Daniela Zopiyactle

“Current Applications and Limitations of Forensic Entomology”

Helena Vockaert

“Invisible Harm: Verbal Sexual Coercion Among College Students”

Char Chezanne

“With Liberty and Justice for Some: How Felony Disenfranchisement Undermines American Democracy”

Kiley Staufenbeil

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Lee Spieller

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Jacob Scheuerman

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Jacklyn Spatzer

“From Preschool to Prison: How School Resource Officers Produce Criminality”
Brenda Vargas Tapia

Alumni News

Jana Taylor, who received a BS in the Administration of Justice in 1990, was named Outstanding Alum of the College of Social Sciences for 2021 in recognition of her contributions as president of the California Association of Probation Services Administrators and her career in the Santa Clara County Adult Probation Department. She is now assistant chief of the San Francisco Adult Probation Department.

Carson Thomas is a Sergeant with the Morgan Hill Police Department and currently in the role of training and education.

Brandon Miller (MS Justice Studies) is currently a Research Analyst for Impact Justice, a research and advocacy organization dedicated to criminal justice reform.

Marilyn Epp (FS 2010), is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Public Safety at the University of Maine/Fort Kent.

Sarah Pawloski (FS 2018) and Colby Duncan (FS 2018) are both working as Senior Research Associates at Curative.

Cheyenne Bastedo (FS 2020) is a Criminalist at the California Department of Justice.

