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## **Department Welcomes New Faculty**



Glen Ishoy, PhD, joined the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department in the fall semester of 2016. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. After completing his Bachelor's Degree, Dr. Ishoy worked in a finance firm for eight years. After 2001, the decline in financial services prompted his newfound career path in law enforcement, where he worked as a police officer for ten years. While working as a police officer at the Cook County Police Department, Dr. Ishoy received his Master's Degree in Theoretical Criminology from University of West Georgia and his PhD from Georgia State University. His interests include decision making in the Criminal Justice System, policing, family processes and delinquency, and criminological theory. Dr. Ishoy is excited to further his career at IUP and is looking forward to the rewarding experience in working with master and doctoral level students. His favorite aspect about teaching is the ability to help students view the world in a different way. He believes that it is important for students to be able to articulate and have a broad understanding of both professional and personal arguments. He enjoys witnessing "that light bulb come on in a student's head, where they realize that they get it, and it connects with something with them in the world." Dr. Ishoy currently teaches



Daniel Scott, PhD, joined the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department in the fall semester of 2016. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a minor in Criminology from the University of Wisconsin- River Falls. Dr. Scott received a Master's Degree in Social Ecology and a PhD in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California Irvine. His areas of interest include juvenile delinquency with a focus on youth and gang violence, juvenile justice and corrections, gang involvement, policies and programs, and criminological theory. His dissertation examined gang and interpersonal violence in youth correctional facilities from both the staff and offender perspectives. Dr. Scott has found the university as a whole to be very welcoming and supportive and "does a great job of incorporating new faculty members". He states, "The Criminology and Criminal Justice Department's faculty members in particular, are extremely supportive, caring, and eager to help". Dr. Scott's favorite aspect about teaching is the ability to enlighten students about certain issues and problems within the criminal justice system. He enjoys soliciting comments that spark a student's interest and passion for the field of criminology and criminal justice. Dr. Scott currently is teaching Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Law. Dr. Scott is "looking forward to a

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**Brandon Dulisse, PhD,** joined the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department in the fall semester of 2016. Dr. Dulisse attended the University of Cincinnati for his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees as well as his PhD. His dissertation examined the stability of delinquency among juvenile peer groups. Dr. Dulisse is interested in juvenile delinquency, lifecourse criminology, community corrections, crime in the correctional setting, biosocial research, and macro-level theory testing. He came to IUP because the university as a whole provides a great setting to accomplish a wide array of interests including the rewarding opportunity to teach undergraduate students. His favorite aspect of IUP thus far is the students. He states, "The students here represent a huge demographic from all over Pennsylvania and beyond. I love how excited they are to learn but also

how open they are to figuring out some of the more complex questions our field has to offer". Dr. Dulisse enjoys hearing new and fresh opinions from students. He states, "As a teacher, I am still learning and in many ways students teach me things I've never learned." Dr. Dulisse currently is teaching White Collar Crime and Survey of Criminology. He is excited to further his career at IUP,



"working alongside a lot of great people."

# Department Professor Receives Funding for the Cyber Catch Scholarship

Dr. Jennifer Gossett, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Dr. Bill Oblitey,



Department of Computer Science, have received an additional funding award of \$31,596 from the National Science Foundation for their project, "Cyber Catch Scholarship Program." The total funding to date for this project is \$1,260,952.00.

The Cyber Catch

Scholarship (CCS) program offered by IUP's Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education is a CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) program that supports undergraduate IUP students in Information Assurance (IA). The scholarship is open to undergraduate IUP students who are either undecided with an interest in cybersecurity or Computer Science majors with an IA concentration, as well as students transferring from area community colleges into IUP's IA program. The goals of the program are to improve educational opportunities for students by providing a strong mentoring system that consists of faculty advising, peer mentoring, scholarship opportunities, and community building. The Cyber Catch Scholarship aims to increase the current and future student enrollment rate of the Information Assurance program.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Cyber Defense Program was first recognized as a Center for Academic Excellence in 2002 and has held the title of a national ranked university throughout 2015. IUP's cyber defense education has once again been recognized by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security for a Center of

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## WHEN

**September 22-23, 2017** 

# WHERE

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Wilson Hall: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice 411 North Walk, Indiana, PA 15705 ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND FAMILY WELCOME!

COME AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE NEXT 50 YEARS OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND EXCELLENCE OF IUP CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMIAL JUSTICE!

# ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Meet and greet with past and present faculty members and alumni
- Join in the fun at the annual Crimson Huddle Pregame Party
- Enjoy refreshments

PLEASE LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT IN THE SPRING 2017 ISSUE

# **Department Welcomes Back Dr. Bitna Kim**

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is pleased to welcome back, Dr. Bitna Kim from a semester-long sabbatical leave at Sam Houston State University (SHSU). Dr. Kim returned to her alma mater



(2008), for the 2016 spring semester as the first Beto Chair Scholar in Residence in nearly 20 years. The position of *Beto Chair Resident Scholar Lecturer* is bestowed upon an individual who has gained national and/or international pres-

tige in the field of criminal justice and criminology. The Beto Chair is a flagship program initiated in 1981 at the SHSU College of Criminal Justice in honor of George J. Beto, a founder of the college and well-known corrections systems reformer. The Beto Chair program has hosted a number of distinguished scholars on campus to interact and bring new vitality to the learning experiences of students and faculty alike.

Before joining the faculty at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2008, Dr. Kim obtained her master's degree in psychology at Chung-buk National University, South Korea in 2001 and a PhD in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University in 2008. Dr. Kim has an extensive publication record and has published widely on such topics as international and comparative justice, police-community corrections partnerships, gender issues, evidence-based crime prevention practices, and domestic violence. She also served as the principle investigator for several public and privately funded research projects that examined the effectiveness of police-probation/

parole partnerships in Texas and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kim has earned several honors and awards, including the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Minority Mentorship Grant Award and Emerging Scholar Award from the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Science. She served as the chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, as well as the Michael C. Braswell/Anderson Publishing Student Paper Committee. She also has served on several editorial boards of the Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice, Women and Criminal Justice, the Journal of Criminal Justice Education, Law, Justice and Health, and the International Journal of Humanity and Social Sciences.

Dr. Kim enjoyed returning to her alma mater and interacting with her previous professors. She states, "Going back to my alma mater to teach as a resident scholar has given me a sense of validation. When I graduated Sam Houston State in 2008 I was young, returning to the university holding such a prestigious position has re-motivated me to continue researching and learning." During her stay at Sam Houston, Dr. Kim updated the Law Enforcement and Community Corrections Partnership, a 2007 grant-supported program that provided a

national resource center for law enforcement, sheriffs, parole, and probation officers in Texas. In addition, Dr. Kim taught a doctoral level



course on international crime to a fairly large and diverse class of fifteen students. Each student was from a different country and brought new and interesting ideas from

# **Student Organizations**

#### The Criminology Association



The purpose of the Criminology Association is to increase the communication and cooperation between the students and faculty by strengthening the exchange of ideas within the field of Criminology. The organization hosts guest speakers from across the field of criminology and criminal justice to speak about various aspects and career opportunities within the field. The Criminology Association cosponsors an annual career fair with the IUP Career and Professional Development Center, to provide students the opportunity to explore career options within the criminal justice system. There are currently 115 members in the Criminology Association. The organization is open to all faculty and staff members at IUP and all matriculated criminology and criminal justice majors and minors. **Faculty Advisor: Dr.** 

#### Alpha Phi Sigma

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society is the only nationally recognized Criminal Justice Honor Society. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to promote academic excellence, leader-

ship, and unity through campus activities and community outreach. Recently, students from the Alpha Eta Chapter climbed nearly 800 steps in the Cathedral of Learning building in Pittsburgh to honor those who gave their lives on 9/11/01. There are 93 members in the Alpha Eta Chapter. Undergraduate and graduate students and professionals of sound scholarship and character who support the mission of Alpha Phi Sigma may be elected to membership. **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jon Cooper** 





#### The Pennsylvania Prison Society (PPS)

The mission of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, IUP Student Chapter, is to promote the welfare of inmates who are serving sentences in Pennsylvania correctional facilities along with their families. The Pennsylvania Prison Society consists of 18 members and is dedicated to raising awareness of inmates' issues by providing support in the form of charity and fund-raising. The Pennsylvania Prison Society is open to undergraduate and graduate-level students committed to the responsibility of advocating for a humane and restorative correctional system. The following are among the chapter activities: Reading for a Change Program, expert panel presentations, Understanding Crime and Justice Series events, poster presentations, and fundraisers for local charities. **Faculty Advisor: Dr. Daniel Lee** 

# The Pennsylvania Prison Society Presents: A Discussion on Heroin Use and the Criminal Justice System

As part of the Pennsylvania Prison Society's Understanding Crime and Justice Series, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Student Chapter held an event on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, on the effects of heroin use and the criminal justice system. The presentation featured Lucy Garrighan, the founder of Jade Wellness Center, a PA state licensed substance abuse treatment center in Monroeville, PA. Lucy's son, John Garrighan, became addicted to prescription drugs after an injury in 2003.

Lucy Garrighan spoke about her son's arduous struggle with substance abuse and his relentless efforts to fight his addiction. John was an honor student at Robert Morris University, where he studied business and psychology. In 2003, John had fallen down a flight of steps, dislocating his shoulder and was prescribed OxyContin for his pain. Lucy described this as "the beginning of John's end." Soon after, John became addicted to OxyContin that eventually lead to his addiction



with heroin. John was admitted to nine inpatient rehab treatment centers and many outpatient facilities across the country. Yet despite his efforts, John fell victim to the unwavering effects of heroin use once again. In 2011, John unfortunately passed away from heroin abuse.

In 2008, Garrighan and her



began to develop a business plan for an outpatient substance abuse center, using John's experiences with substance abuse as guideposts. In 2010, Garrighan opened Jade Wellness Center in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, complete with a staff of professional counselors and contracted physicians. The Jade Wellness Center provides a variety of comprehensive individualized drug and alcohol outpatient treatment options for adults, adolescents, and families struggling with dependency issues.

Following Ms. Garrighan's presentation on treatment, a table panel discussion followed. The panel consisted of Patrick Dougherty, Indiana County District Attorney, Kami Anderson, Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission, Brain Frycklund, Indiana County Probation and Parole, and Daniel Christy, Emergency Medical Technician. The panel offered their expertise on the heroin epidemic and discussed various issues relating to the criminal justice system and society's perception of heroin use.

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# **IUP Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC)**

The Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC) of-



fers credit and noncredit training programs for police recruits and law enforcecenter's role in both the university and the community is to provide high-quality educational programs for the continuing professionalism and advancement of the criminal justice system.

The Criminal Justice Center (CJTC) is certified by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training

Commission (MPOETC) to provide in-service mandatory and non-mandatory training for municipal police officers and Pennsylvania State constables. The CJTC also offers

services to the general public. The CJTC offers a full-time police training academy on the IUP main campus and two regional-part time academy sites located at California University, and Carnegie Mellon University. During the past ment personnel. The training year, the Criminal Justice Training Center has delivered occupational-specific training to approximately 3,800 criminal justice professionals throughout Pennsylvania.

> The training center prepares individuals for entry into the field of law enforcement, provides initial preparation for mandatory recertification in lethal weapons training for security personnel, and prepares individuals for certification and annual recertification as Pennsylvania State Constables. The center also offers voluntary training for individuals interested in the criminal justice system and specialized training in basic and advanced accident investigation, emergency vehicle operations, and alcohol detection and enforcement programs.

> To apply or request information about the Criminal Justice Training Center, please call 724-357-6943 or 3988 or visit

#### **CJTC Cadets Learn Clear and Search Tactics Using** Leonard Hall





# Alumni Profile: James Bowers, PhD

James Bowers, PhD, is currently an associate professor of criminal justice at Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from Clarion University. He received his Master's and PhD from IUP in Criminology in 2012.

While pursuing his psychology degree at Clarion University, he enrolled in a sociology of deviant behavior course and instantly became interested in strain theory and deviance. It was at that exact moment that he wanted to switch majors. While finishing his degree at Clarion University, Bowers enrolled in two undergraduate online courses at IUP. Dr. Hanrahan's Corrections and Dr. Muchnick's Introduction to Criminology courses fueled his desire to pursue a Master's Degree at IUP.

The Master's Program at IUP, gave him the knowledge, skills, and abilities to continue his graduate education. While working on his PhD, he "had the opportunity to work with many talented faculty members on projects that exposed him to the research process," which he is "eternally indebted for this guidance." He would like to credit Dr. John Lewis for guiding him through his dissertation, " I could not have completed the program without you."

As a student, Dr. Bowers was involved in many activities, he found it important to give back to the community. He was Vice President of Alpha Phi Sigma, President of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization, member of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, and Pennsylvania Prison Society, as well as an IUP Judicial Review Board Member. His favorite memory of the



Criminology and Criminal Justice Department was

the Alpha Phi Sigma food drive in the fall of 2009, which resulted in over 1,000 items and \$230 donated to the Indiana County Community Action Program. Dr. Bowers asserts it is important to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Dr. Bowers enjoys teaching and having students question ideas, while also motivating and challenging them to be the best they can be. Recently, he worked on a crime mapping project with some of his students and aided them in their presentation at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Conference. Dr. Bowers stays active in research, he enjoys solving problems and analyzing data. Bowers states, "I could never research just one topic. I need variety and opportunities are always available." He is currently working on a crime mapping project with the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council to discuss crime issues within the community. This year, he co-

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(Pictured above is Bowers's crime mapping project with Saginaw

Dr. Bowers also had the opportunity to work with some very talented people on a variety of projects, such as working alongside Dr. Jennifer Huck and Dr. Jason Spraitz of Saginaw Valley State University, on the publication of Connecting Opportunity and Strain to Understand Deviant Behavior in *Deviant Behavior* (2016). Dr. Bowers is looking forward to a long and successful career in academia.

Dr. Bowers currently teaches Research Methods, Criminal Justice Issues and Policies, and Juvenile Justice and is looking forward to teaching a new course on Special Topics-Sex Offenders in the Spring. Dr. Bowers would like to pass on some general advice: "Do not compare your chapter 1 to someone else's chapter 10 and enjoy the journey and stop

# **Student Spotlight: Megan Travers**

Megan Travers of Richfield, Ohio is currently a freshman in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program. Megan was awarded the 2016 Jacquelyn Watson Scholarship Award for incoming freshmen. She was extremely pleased when she was notified that she had won the award. Megan has

enjoyed her experience at IUP thus far, and is currently involved in the Criminology Association, the Philosophy Club, and the English Equestrian Team.

Megan has been interested in the field of criminology since middle school, after she realized that her eyesight was far too poor to become a military pilot. She states, "I'm not entirely sure how I made the jump from flying planes to catching criminals, but somehow I did and I've had my mind set on it ever since." The field of criminology and criminal justice appeals to Megan "because it combines the uncertain elements of human behavior with knowledge, reason, and interpretation of data". Megan is hopeful to one day earn a doctorate degree in criminology to pursue a career as an agent or analyst for a state, federal, or military law enforcement/intelligence agency.



**Bachelor of Arts** 

# Congratulations December Graduates! Bachelor of Arts

Erika R. Allison Sydney A. Black Eric M. Bozich Ian R. Buchanan Cheleea M. Chamliss Tremel M. Cherry Darnell R. Coles III Raheim M. Davis Gregory T. DeValerio Jacob C. Durkot Colleen A. Enos Jillian M. Fields Brian K. Frank Anthony R. Georgianna Megan E. Godersky Gabriel B. Gresko Jacob Hayman Shawnie A. Noel Jansen Tyler A. Knupp Andrew M. Krakoff Jessica M. Labuski Brittany R. Leaper Adam R. Magalich Kylea R. Marks Shahirah L. McGill Kristen D. McRoberts Deanna M. Miller Jessica N. Miller Mitchell J. Niland Tyler A. Novak Kacey L. Osborne Tyler W. Parrey Tyler A. Reed Lakyn Riggie Daryl K. Stewart Shae Stobert Carly A. Stump Nicole E. Sweger Justin Thomas Salvatore T. Vivo

