

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Newsletter, Fall 2016 edition. This newsletter is designed to provide current students, staff, and faculty, as well as our alumni, with information about all the great many things going on in our department.

CCJ Recognized as one of the Best Online Programs in the Country

SR Education Group, an education research publisher founded in 2004, released its rankings and Indiana State University's CCJ program is ranked among OnlineU's 2016 Best Value Online Colleges for Law and Criminal Justice Degrees!

These rankings represent schools across the nation that are making an effort to provide the best value for students seeking online degrees.

Due to exceptional affordability along with academic strength, Indiana State University made the rankings at #10 in online Law Enforcement degrees! The full ranking is available here:

<http://www.onlineu.org/best-value-colleges/law-enforcement->



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ISU Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Hosts Exchange Group from the University of Zagreb

This past May, ISU Criminology and Criminal Justice was pleased to host students from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, Department of Criminology as a part of a long standing exchange program. The students, led by Dr. Ljiljana Miksaj-Todorovic participated with ISU CCJ students in a 2 week intensive course on global drug law policy. Students in the course took part in fieldtrips to the Vigo County Drug Court and the Vigo County Jail and heard from a number of guest lecturers including judges, correctional workers and drug detectives concerning the practical aspects of drug law policies. Continued on next page.

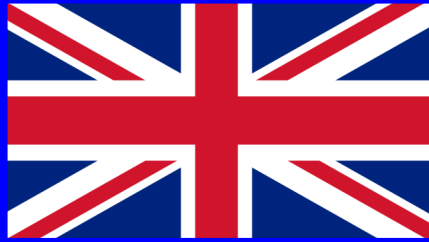
All students in the course were part of teams presenting on existing drug laws

either in the US or other countries and students from the ISU and the University of Zagreb worked together in small groups to discuss similarities and differences in drug law policies in different countries. The experience was a fabulous opportunity for all students to broaden their horizons and understand different ways of thinking in addition to making friends from a different culture. Professor Decker who, led the summer course, will also be taking a group of ISU students to Zagreb in May 2017 to study for two weeks as part of the ongoing exchange.

The Zagreb and ISU Students at the Vigo County Courthouse



From ISU to London and Croatia, Faculty lead study abroad programs continue to be a success



The Criminology and Criminal Justice department at ISU has long been involved in study abroad. Beginning in 2005 Dr. Sudipto Roy did the pioneering work to create a unique and productive student exchange program in partnership with the University of Zagreb. In every year since, there has been an exchange of faculty and/or students between the Universities. Also, since the summer of 2008 Professor Lisa Decker has regularly offered students the opportunity to study comparative criminal justice for a month in London. With the departure of Dr. Roy, Professor Decker will supervise both the Zagreb and London programs, coordinating them to run in alternating years so that students will have criminal justice related study abroad opportunities every year!

In the early summer of 2017, ISU students will travel to University of Zagreb in Croatia to study a comparative criminal justice subject on the Zagreb campus, with the University's students from the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, Department of Criminology.

In the late summer of 2018, ISU Criminology students will have the opportunity to study in London with Professor Decker, taking in famous sites like the Tower of London, the Runnymede field where the Magna Carta was signed, The Old Bailey criminal courts and to do a Jack the Ripper tour as they learn about the roots of the American criminal justice system and compare current English criminal justice practices with those in the U.S. today.

The Criminology department is also investigating the possibility of organizing an alumni trip to either London or Croatia in the future. Interested alumni as well as any students interested in studying abroad with the Criminology department should contact Professor Lisa Decker at lisa.decker@indstate.edu

Broaden your horizons—Study Abroad with Criminology!

L. A. E.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) fraternity has been recruiting new members this past semester. LAE is involved with community projects as well as having great guest speakers for their organization. If you would like to become a member please contact Mr. Burns or the Criminology department at 812-237-2192

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma has also been recruiting new members this semester. This is a national criminal justice honor society organization that recognizes academic excellence by undergraduate and graduate students. For more information on how to become a member contact Dr. Grimes or the Criminology department at 812-237-2192.

Both organizations offer something great for CCJ students; be a part of something amazing, join today!

Spotlight on ISU ALUM:



Stephan D. Kaftan, formerly of Terre Haute, IN and a 1985 graduate of Indiana State University with a MS in Criminology, has been promoted to colonel at the [New Mexico Military Institute \(NMML\)](#). Colonel Kaftan will assume the duty of reserve officer training (ROTC) at NMML. The cadets under his command

study the military and civilian criminal justice systems, counterterrorism, military investigations, and military leadership. Colonel Kaftan began his military career in the U.S. Air Force, is a Vietnam veteran, he also served in the Air Force Reserve and North Dakota National Guard. Additionally, Colonel Kaftan serves as an aide-de-camp to the Governor of New Mexico; in this capacity he recommends emergency responses to natural weather or man-made incidents that threaten public safety. Congratulations Colonel Kaftan on your promotion!!

Guest Speaker Series

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Guest Speaker Series continues with ISU Alum, Mr. Bob Casey. Mr. Casey is a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent with over 30 years of combined law enforcement experience. Mr. Casey is now the Chief Security Officer at Eli Lilly and Company, a Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Casey's event is scheduled for October 11, 2016 at 11:00pm-12:15pm at the Hulman Memorial Student Union, DeDe 1. This event is open to the public and free to attend.

Career Fair

The CCJ Career fair will be held April 5, 2017 at the Hulman Memorial Student Union, DeDe II and III. This event will connect students with agencies to find out more information about internships and careers. Students should dress professionally for the event which will be held from 10AM-2PM. Agencies that would like to attend should contact Travis Behem at: Travis.Behem@indstate.edu for more information on how to register.

The CCJ Guest Speakers Series Welcomed Bruce Lemmon as our featured speaker



The Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Bruce Lemmon was a featured guest speaker on September 28, 2016. Mr. Lemmon, an ISU alum in recreational management, has worked for the Indiana Department of Corrections for 40 years. Mr. Lemmon talked about his early start in the IDOC at the Rockville Correctional Facility. As part of recreation management team, he used innovative ideas to help inmates focus on their mind and body while giving back to their community. For example, one program he instituted was taking the inmates on long runs into the city of Rockville and having them pick up trash on the road along the way. As he noted, "This is not something that would be allowed today". Mr. Lemmon also discussed how IDOC has changed over the years and the various challenges they have faced, such as the death of a correctional officer, influx of gang members, and the increase in the prison population (although it is somewhat lower than prior years).

Recycling has also become an important issue for the IDOC. Mr. Lemmon stated that members of the IDOC looked to the current ISU recycling effort as a model for the recycling plan used by IDOC today. These efforts have helped the IDOC reduce their garbage collection from nearly 100,000 dollars to a third of that cost. Along with recycling the IDOC wanted to reduce water usage at their facilities and they now save 3 million gallons of water per day.

Other areas that Mr. Lemmon was proud to discuss were the implementation of drug treatment programs, such as Clean Living is Freedom Forever (CLIFF), job skill training, parenting skills, and re-entry programs. One issue Mr. Lemmon noted was that nearly 80% of offenders in prison have an addiction problem, even though that may not be the reason they are in prison. Many of the offenders that are released end up going back to prison because they cannot find work. Although, many companies are willing to hire offenders so long as they meet job requirements and stay clean, noted Lemmon.

Mr. Lemmon encouraged students to look at corrections as a great career path once they graduate. The IDOC now offers paid internships for students too.

Mr. Lemmon is a native of Terre Haute and enjoys coming back to the ISU campus and the Criminology Department, he mentioned looking forward to attending homecoming.

We would like to thank Mr. Lemmon for taking time out of his schedule to talk to our students and faculty about corrections!

Mr. Lemmon will retire in November of 2016 and take some time off and enjoy Florida over the winter then decide what he will do once he returns to Indiana.

See related [Tribstar news article.](#)



Federal Bureau of Prisons assists with Re-Entry Simulation

On September 6, 2016, the CCJ Department hosted an offender re-entry simulation with the assistance of staff from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The simulation was designed to mimic the first four weeks of release from incarceration and identified many of the barriers the re-releasing individual will encounter. The simulation was conducted by Reentry Affairs Coordinators, Leanna Payton and Anissa Williams from the Federal Correctional Complex, (FCC Terre Haute) . Students from Drs. Barton and Avdiya's senior level criminology classes along with graduate assistants participated in this activity.

Being released from prison is often chaotic due to the many barriers faced by those returning home after incarceration. The students were able to experience these barriers in this realistic, hands-on activity. Evaluation comments from students revealed this was a worthwhile in depth exercise.



Students working their way through another re-entry station.



Leann Payton—FCC T.H. Reentry Coordinator discusses the re-entry plan.



Instructor Mary-Ellen Doucette-Lunstrum, J.D. assists a student with a question during the simulation.



Anissa Williams—FCC T.H. Reentry Coordinator talks to students about the simulation.

Dr. Mark Hamm and Mr. Glenn Blackstone present Attica—45 Years



Dr. Mark Hamm

On September 14, 2016, Dr. Mark Hamm and Mr. Glenn Blackstone captivated a standing only room of students in Holmstedt Hall with a presentation on the *Attica prison riot—45 years later*. Dr. Hamm discussed the historical evolution of the Attica riot including the social context that

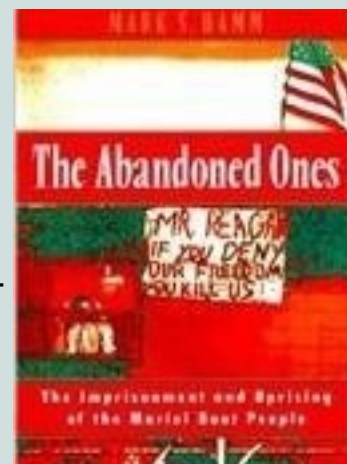


Mr. Glenn Blackstone

framed the riot, the significant players involved in the event, and the outcome that led to changes in how we handle prison riots today. The August 21, 1971 death of George Jackson, a vocal Black Panther leader, imprisoned at San Quentin served as the triggering event for a hunger strike at Attica on August 22, 1972. Jackson, who is most noted for his work “Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson”, perpetually questioned the incarceration and treatment of persons of color as well as the discriminatory practices in larger society. As Dr. Hamm indicated, the availability of media during this time period was very limited, thus, the knowledge gathered by the inmates to revolt against Jackson’s death is still unknown. What followed was a series of events that led to the death of a correctional officer at Attica, false accusations against known radical prisoners, and the subsequent taking over of one of the yards by inmates on September 9, 1971. For four days, inmates attempted to negotiate with the Governor of New York. The demands of the inmates included amnesty and safety for the inmates involved in the riot. Ultimately, the state police took over the negotiations firing upon the inmates and hostages in the yard shooting a total of 128 men killing 29 prisoners and 9 hostages.

Students were enthralled by the notion of the abuses by government and correctional officers and administrators following the aftermath of the event, which included rape and torture of the inmates involved in the riot. Following the presentation, Dr. Hamm answered questions about the riot and handed out copies of his book entitled “The Abandoned Ones: The Imprisonment and Up- rising of the Mariel Boat People” where he details prison riots throughout the United States.

Thank you Dr. Hamm and Mr. Blackstone for an informative and engaging presentation!



Sycamore Alum returns to campus, reunites with high school classmate



Damein “DC” Cunningham (class of 2004) returned to campus on Sept. 19 to talk to Professor Travis Behem’s Introduction to Policing and Criminal Justice Writing classes.

A proud Sycamore, Cunningham came to ISU on a football scholarship after leading the Walterboro (South Carolina) High School Bulldogs to a state championship as quarterback in 1997. He now works as a road patrol trooper for Illinois State Police and is married to two-time Sycamore Christy Cunningham. The couple, who first met in Holmstedt Hall, lives in Sycamore, Ill.

When asked about why he chose law enforcement as a career, Cunningham says he was first drawn to law enforcement for the same reasons as his love of the gridiron — the physicality, making split-second decisions, and the adrenaline rush.

He is a classmate of Libby Roerig, director of communications at ISU, who was a member of the high school’s state championship marching band the same year. They both grew up in Colleton County, S.C., which is the coastal county between Charleston and Beaufort counties — and a long way from Terre Haute!

Look for more about Cunningham and other criminology/criminal justice faculty and alumni in the spring edition of STATE Magazine, which will feature the department on the cover.



Pictured L-R: Christy and Damein Cunningham, Dr. DeVere Woods, and Libby Roerig.



On September 14, 2016, the CCJ Department hosted guest speaker Criminal Investigator Gregory L. Snyder from the United States Marshals Service. Snyder graduated from ISU in 1990 with a BS in Accounting. Snyder has been employed with the United States Marshals Service for over 25 years and has served at duty stations in Detroit, MI, Indianapolis, and Terre Haute, IN, with his most recent duty station in Terre Haute (20 years).

Speaking to two CCJ classes, Snyder discussed some of his duties such as protecting federal judges and courts, managing prisoners, serving court documents and witness protection. Snyder also reviewed the qualifications for becoming a Deputy United States Marshal with students. His presentation was well received by all in attendance.

CCJ Recruitment Efforts Continue

Advisors Recruit at Indiana Prisons

During summer, 2016, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice advisors along with the Distance Education office worked to recruit potential students from two area prisons—Putnamville Correctional Facility and Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. CCJ Advisors Gary Hartsock, Mary Ellen Dousette-Lunstrum, and Shannon Barton along with Distance Education advisor Charles Hawkins met with staff to discuss both the undergraduate and graduate degree options. The group fielded questions about how best to complete your degree while working (either on campus or on line). We hope to continue these efforts in the near future with additional correctional facilities and law enforcement agencies. If you would like us to speak to your agency staff, please contact the Department of CCJ at 812-237-2192 and ask for one of the advisors listed above.

Dr. Sudipto Roy Steps Down

After 22 years with the department, Dr. Sudipto Roy stepped down from his Professor's position June 1, 2016 to return to his native Kolkata. Despite relinquishing his academic position, Dr. Roy continues to remain active in the field through doing volunteer work with Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture in the Publications Department and General Library and giving presentations on prison issues. One of Dr. Roy's most notable contributions to the department was his involvement in the creation of the student exchange program between CCJ and the University of Zagreb (currently the universities longest running exchange program). Dr. Roy indicated he plans to continue his visits to Zagreb to keep in touch with his many friends and colleagues as well as traveling to many new destinations. The ISU Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice thanks Dr. Roy for his service to the department and wishes him well in his future endeavors!!



CCJ Welcomes two new Assistant Professors.

In the spring of 2015, the CCJ Department began a search for a new professor. Several highly qualified candidates applied, which made our task more difficult. With the departure of Dr. Roy, another position opened allowing us the opportunity to hire not one but two new tenure-track faculty members. We are excited to announce the addition of these two new Assistant Professors: Professor William Mackey and Dr. Brian Schaefer. We would like to welcome them both to ISU and the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department!

Professor William Mackey



From Des Moines, Iowa, Professor Mackey received both his B.A. and B.S. in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Iowa State University. Transitioning into his Master's Program, he attended Indiana State University, where he worked in the department as a Graduate Assistant. During this time as a graduate assistant, Mr. Mackey noted the faculty had a huge impact on his life and career. One staff member in particular, Dr. Shannon

Barton, served as a mentor to Professor Mackey and played a big role in his decision to attend University of Cincinnati (UC) for his PhD in Criminal Justice. While at UC, he co-founded Diatomic Cybersecurity, a research center, with Dr. Joseph Nedelec from Criminal Justice and Professor Mark Stockman from Information Technology. This group works specifically to bridge the gap between technology and human behavior in order to prevent cybercrime. He is currently working towards completing his dissertation on the behavioral correlates of data breaches (defense slated for December, 2017). Prior to coming to ISU for his Masters, Professor Mackey worked as a probation officer for the Nebraska Supreme court. Some of his research interests include White-Collar Crime, Cybercrime (human behavior and social engineering), Crime Prevention, Research Methods, and Criminological Theory. Diatomic Cybersecurity was recently hired by the Indiana State University Credit Union as a consultant to undergo cybersecurity testing in order to better protect customers and employees from cyber threats.

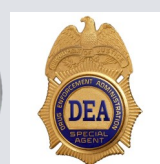
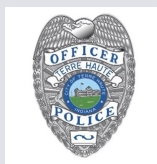


Dr. Brian Schaefer

Originally from Piasa, Illinois, Dr. Schaefer began his college career at Mckendree University. While there he obtained his Undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts. Transitioning into his Masters programs, Dr. Schaefer attended Eastern Kentucky University. It was there that his interest for teaching peaked. With a new found love for teaching Criminal Justice, Dr. Schaefer began Co-teaching courses during his Master's program. Moving forward he received his PhD in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisville. Dr. Schaefer's research based skills and knowledge of the criminal justice field makes him a perfect fit for Indiana State University. He is currently focusing on two major areas of research; police use of force and Span of Control (Supervision of detectives). When asked the question "why Indiana State University?" his response was that he loves the Terre Haute area and enjoys the faculty.

Internships provide students with real-world experience in the Criminal Justice field.

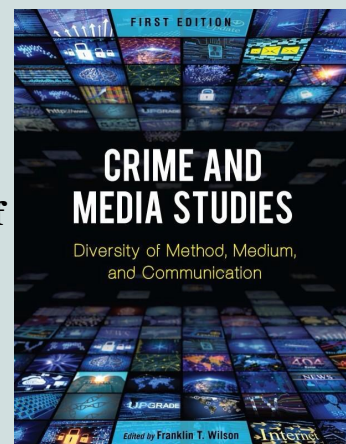
Internships are well under way for the Fall 2016 semester. We have a total of 61 interns registered, serving in 32 different agencies. Host agencies range from; Federal, State, local, and private criminal justice or related agencies. The internship provides students with first hand experience in a professional criminal justice setting; allowing students the opportunity to work directly with agency personnel and clientele. The internship serves as a valuable opportunity to integrate classroom instruction with real work experiences. It allows the student to network with employees, managers and other agencies. Students gain work experience and are able to begin building their career. Many students go on to be employed after graduation in the agency where they interned. Completing a 96 hour internship is a requirement for Criminology majors in order to graduate. For more information about internships, contact Gary Hartsock—Internship coordinator at: Gary.hartsock@indstate.edu or at 812-237-2195.



Dr. Frank Wilson—Writing, Research and Presentations.



Dr. Wilson has continued to gain national recognition through his research (see [*Crime and Media Studies: Diversity of Method, Medium, and Communication*](#)), regular appearances in nation and international media, his [*Huffington Post Blog*](#), and social media presence. So much so, that he recently received several invitations to publish, present, and train on these topics. In particular, Dr. Wilson was invited by the [*American Society of Criminology*](#) and [*Crime & Justice Research Alliance*](#) to co-write a piece in the May/June edition of the *Criminologist* entitled “[*Traditional Media, Social Media and Professional Pages: How to Share Your Findings and Expertise with Media Outlets*](#)”. Both groups asked Dr. Wilson to be a member of a round table at the [*American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*](#) in New Orleans entitled *How to Talk to the Media About Your Research*. Other distinguished members of the round table include Criminal Justice Journalist Ted Gest of the *The Crime Report*, Alex Piquero of the University of Texas Dallas and U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board, Delores Jones-Brown from the Centre for Race, Crime and Justice at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Peter Scharf from the LSU School of Public Health, and Nancy La Vigne Director of the Justice Policy Center for the Urban Institute. He was also invited to help the Justice Research Alliance design and conduct a work shop entitled *How to Effectively Share Your Findings and Expertise with National Media Outlets*. Dr. Wilson will be presenting his research on the largest prison cemetery in the United States at the American Society of Criminology Conference as well. Additionally, Dr. Wilson is serving as the invited program chair for the Media and Crime area of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri in March of 2017.



Dr. Jennifer Murray—Writing, Research and Publications.



Beginning her fifth year at ISU has proven to be a very active and productive year for Dr. Murray. Over the summer, Dr. Murray had three articles highlighting her research on serial killers published in top rated criminology and criminal justice journals. Likewise, she was invited to serve as an editorial board member for *Deviant Behavior*. The department is proud of her accomplishments and wishes to highlight them below. For complete copies of the articles, you may contact Dr. Murray via e-mail at Jennifer.Murray@indstate.edu.

Murray, Jennifer L. (Accepted August 26, 2016). Mass Media Reporting and Enabling of Mass Shootings. *Cultural Studies ó Critical Methodologies*.

Murray, Jennifer L. (Accepted August 22, 2016). The Transcendent Fantasy in Mass Killers. *Deviant Behavior*.

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Murray, Jennifer L. (Accepted April 1, 2016). The Role of Sexual, Sadistic, and Misogynistic Fantasy in Mass and Serial Killing. *Deviant Behavior*.

The Role of Sexual, Sadistic and Misogynistic Fantasy in Mass and Serial Killing

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Abstract

A subset of violent criminals fixates on deviant (and often grossly misogynistic) sexual fantasies, or engages in sexually sadistic behavior toward victims. Although the role of psychosexual deviancy is quite common among many notorious serial killers (e.g., Ted Bundy, Gary Ridgway, Dennis Rader), it appears to be a motivating factor for some recent mass killers as well. Evidence indicates that the killer's psychosexual issues were a motivating factor for mass killers (e.g., George Sodini, Jared Lee Loughner, and Elliot Rodger) in their assault. This article will compare and contrast the role and influence of a deviant sexual/misogynistic fantasy formation process for mass and serial killers.

The Transcendent Fantasy in Mass Killers

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Abstract

Through the use of ethnographic content analysis this article examines four common fantasy themes: *the role of fantasy in creating a temporary refuge and/or a permanent escape; revenge, and the methodical targeting of specific victims or murder-by-proxy; sadistic, sexual and misogynistic payback; attention-seeking/reaction seeking—the drive for infamy* in eight contemporary and notorious mass killers. Each type of fantasy script is distinct and is shaped in the context of the particular offender's: destabilizing life events, real or perceived losses and interpretation of the four common fantasy themes. The killer derives immense pleasure and catharsis from his fantasy script and themes. "These fantasy themes are an impetus for homicide. The analytical importance of these fantasies points to a transcendent fantasy theory of mass killing" (Murray 2014:235)

Dr. Jennifer Murray—Writing, Research and Publications.

Suicidal–Homicidal Ideation in Mass Killers and Transcendence

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Abstract

This article examines the role that suicidal–homicidal ideation plays in influencing mass killers and draws on the author’s concept of transcendent fantasy theory. Although numerous researchers touch on the fact that 50% of mass killers commit suicide, few have traced and compared the suicidal person’s fantasy process with that of the suicidal–homicidal killer’s fantasy process. Suicidal individuals tend to be intro-punitive. They internalize the blame for real or imagined failures, and they seek to escape from such failures, or to inflict punishment on him- or herself for the same reasons. Mass killers externalize the blame for their real or imagined losses. Due to their mordant bitterness toward self and others, these suicidal–homicidal individuals often fantasize not only about escaping, but transcending their feelings of inadequacy, self-doubt, and worthlessness by having society see them as powerful, clever, and superior for pulling off a massacre and making (in their view) oppressive people pay.

Mass Media Reporting and Enabling of Mass Shootings

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Abstract

This article identifies distinct mass media reporting stages used in the coverage of mass killings, and the inspiration they provide for future killers. Ethnographic content analysis was used to identify common and ordered stages/themes expressed through mass media accounts of the massacres committed by Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris (Columbine High School), Seung Hui Cho (Virginia Tech), James Holmes (Aurora Movie Theater), Adam Lanza (Sandy Hook Elementary School), and Omar Mateen, (Pulse nightclub Orlando). Many of these infamous killers reference/discuss their well-publicized prior homicidal role models in self created archival documents they leave behind. They do not just copycat prior killers, they often relate to them, are inspired by them and want to outdo them. The entertainment form and logic of mass mediated news provides the inspiration and fuel for later killings.

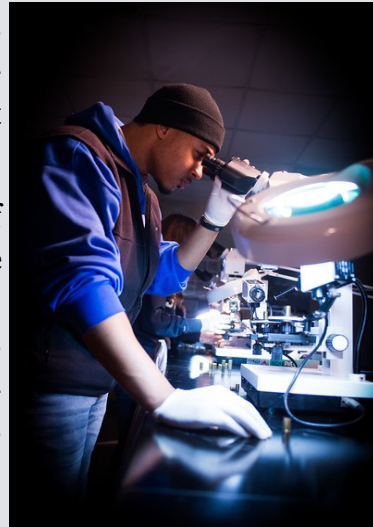
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Criminalistics Laboratory

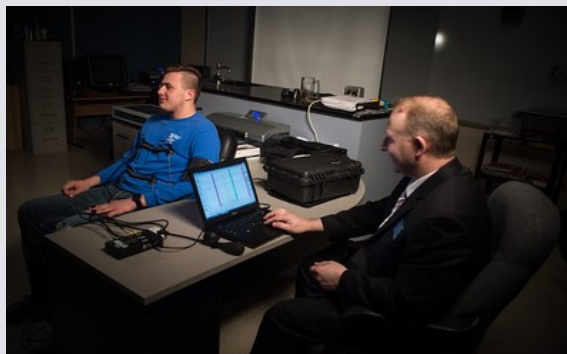
The primary purpose of the Criminalistics lab is to employ investigative techniques utilized in the recognition, collection, preservation, and analysis of physical evidence. Students who complete lab classes in the CRIM department, will get some insight into what it is like to properly collect and interpret evidence, and then to present that evidence in court. The classes that utilize the Criminalistics laboratory are designed to stimulate student interest and develop capabilities for law enforcement services.

The lab is well-equipped with tens of thousands of dollars worth of new up-to-date technology. We have six comparison microscopes with digital capabilities. Five of them are used for ballistic analysis; one is used for hair/fiber analysis. Additionally, the lab is equipped with fifteen compound microscopes that are used for trace analysis.

With the existing technology in the Criminalistics lab, students can successfully perform ballistic analysis (e.g., firing pin comparisons, comparisons of bullet striations, etc.), collect fingerprints on various surfaces, collect and analyze trace evidence, glass analysis, blood spatter analysis, crime scene documentation, just to name a few.



A student “examines” evidence.



Dr. Avdija “administers” a polygraph test to a student.

Dr. Avdi Avdija, PhD educates students on the reality of criminalistics verses the television version by using modern tools in the crime lab.

What makes the ISU Criminalists lab unique?

Collecting latent fingerprints using physical and chemical developers.

The Criminalistics lab is very well equipped with a variety of physical developers (e.g., magnetic and non-magnetic volcanic powders) for developing latent prints on non-porous surfaces as well as chemical developers (e.g., iodine, dfo, ninhydrin, silver nitrate, etc.) for porous surfaces.

Forensic photography.

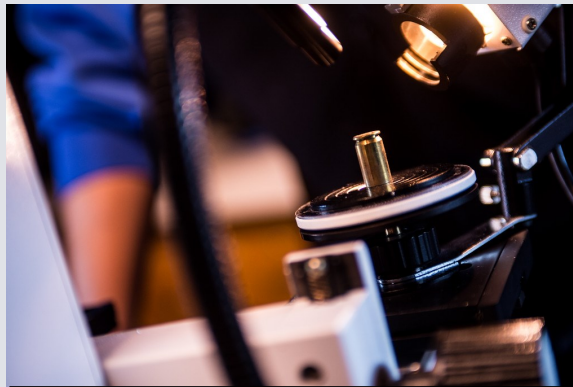
This includes crime scene documentation. The lab is equipped with eleven digital cameras and crime scene documentation accessories (e.g., macro focusing rails, crime scene markers and tape, forensic scales, special camera filters, tripods, etc.) that students can use to practice and learn the techniques of properly documenting various crime scenes. The lab has the necessary equipment for preparing students, as future crime scene investigators (CSI), to record visual and legal evidence at the scene of a crime. Students will learn to use specialized techniques such as ultraviolet and infrared photography, fluorescence photography, painting with light, and timed exposure photographing; all of which are commonly used techniques in law enforcement investigations.

Collection of trace evidence using the Alternate Light Source (MCS-400 crimescope) and other 455nm crime scene flashlights.

Using MSC-400, students have the capability to search for variety of trace evidence, including body fluids, bruises, bite marks, fingerprints, etc.

New state of the art law enforcement version polygraph machine.

Our Criminalistics lab is perhaps one of the very few university labs that have an advanced polygraph machine. We have added this instrument to the lab two semesters ago.



A shell casing is analyzed by a student.

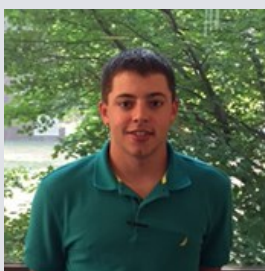
Meet Our Graduate Assistants

Graduate assistants play a vital role in helping faculty with research, assisting students with tutoring and various other tasks. Learn more about them below.



Saran Ahmad-Spratts

A Native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Saran obtained her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Tennessee State University in Spring of 2015. Thinking about the future, she knew that she wanted to pursue a career in federal law enforcement, but first wanted to obtain her Master's degree in Criminology. After applying and being accepted to four colleges, an opportunity to work as a Graduate Research Assistant peaked her interest in Indiana State University. Upon her first visit, Saran noted, it was obvious that Indiana State University was the place for her. "The Criminology department faculty was so open and supportive of bringing a fresh face to the staff". Currently Saran is in her second and final year of her Master's program. In addition to maintaining a high GPA, she is focusing on her internship with United States Postal Inspection, hoping to one day obtain a position with the agency as a federal inspector.



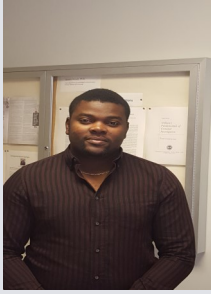
Garrett Mitchell

Garrett came to ISU from Greenfield, Indiana. Following graduation, he hopes to begin his career as either an Indiana State Trooper or as a federal law enforcement officer. Garrett indicated that he chose Indiana State University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees because of the CCJ departments' reputation as one of the best programs in the state and because of ISU's proximity to his hometown.



Kirk Moore

Kirk Owusu Moore, a native of Koforidua in Ghana West Africa, came to the United States in 2009 as an international exchange student at Covenant Christian High School in Indianapolis. After completing his Junior and Senior years at Covenant Christian, Kirk decided to pursue a Bachelors degree in Political Science/Legal Studies at ISU. Following graduation with his BS, he chose to pursue his Masters in CCJ at Indiana State University. When asked about his desire to remain at ISU, Kirk responded, "I chose to stay here because I have grown to love the environment and the faculty members of my department. My dream career is to get a law degree and become an intelligence expert".



Adonis Ndusha

Adonis Ndusha, originally from Democratic Republic of Congo, came to ISU with a Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from the Catholic University of Congo. Wishing to obtain his graduate degrees in the United States, Adonis applied to Florida State University, California State University, and Indiana State University. After some consideration, he chose ISU because of faculty interaction and helpfulness during the admissions process. Additionally, ISU was the first program to grant him admission with clear graduation requirements. He was also attracted to the state of Indiana through a friend living in the Indianapolis area. Before returning to his country of Congo, Adonis hopes to receive a law degree and his PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice with a specialty in white collar crime so that he may teach college level courses at home.



Cody Owen

Cody, a native of Chrisman, Illinois, completed his Bachelors in CCJ from ISU and is now in his second year of the Masters program with plans to graduate in December. When asked about why he chose ISU and the Criminology and Criminal Justice program he indicated it was because of the reputation of the program and the pleasantness of the faculty. He was also intrigued by the annual Criminology Career Fair and the opportunities to meet professionals working in the field. Currently, he is interning with the United States Marshals Service in Indianapolis. Following graduation, he hopes to obtain employment in the federal law enforcement sector and to teach college level law enforcement courses.

Meet Our Student Office Worker—Hunter McCord



Hunter McCord, a Chicago resident, is currently a sophomore majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice at ISU. When Hunter began looking at what college to attend she was drawn to Indiana State because of its' close knit campus community, potential for opportunity, and well recognized Criminology program. In addition to attending classes, Hunter is involved in Lambda Alpha Epsilon (a national criminal justice fraternity) where she holds the office of secretary; she plays on the Indiana State Women's Club Volleyball Team; and is an active member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. Hunter's family has a long tradition of careers in law enforcement of which she hopes to continue following graduation. Hunter said, "In just my short time at Indiana State, I have experienced many opportunities that cannot be compared to anywhere else.....I am thankful to have come part of a group of Criminology students and professors which want nothing but success for all who are part of this amazing team."

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana State University has as its major goal to discover new knowledge and to assist the community in solving problems while providing all of its students a sound liberal arts education with a focus on understanding criminal behavior, the criminal justice system, mechanisms of social control and their relationship to society. Students electing to major in criminology and criminal justice are prepared for careers in the criminal justice field as well as for entry into law school or a graduate program in criminology or a related discipline. The wide variety of courses offered enables each student to determine his or her program in terms of interests and aspirations. An integral part of the criminology and criminal justice program is the internship which allows students to gain a clearer understanding of criminal justice agencies.

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Our alumni continue to make a difference and influence major areas in society. For example, alums may be found holding positions which include numerous local, state, federal and international police and corrections personnel, probation and parole officers, attorneys, academics, and other related jobs. Many have served in positions such as judges, wardens, sheriffs, police chiefs, directors of prominent positions such as NCIS, Regional FBI, Department of Correction Commissioners, Department of Homeland Security and various other notable positions both domestic and international. We are proud of our alumni, their achievements and the impact they have made both domestically and globally.

We want to hear from our Alumni. Please contact us and tell us how ISU influenced your career since graduating. Also let us know if you would be interested in coming back to campus to speak to our students. Email Travis.Behem@indstate.edu with your story.

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