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## Department of Law and Justice

The 2016-17 academic year has been my first year as chair of the Department of Law and Justice. I came to Central Washington University after 12 years in England where I served as professor of criminology in the School of Law at the University of Sheffield and director of international affairs for the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Department of Law and Justice was particularly attractive because of its combination of criminal justice, legal studies, and social justice.

When I arrived in Ellensburg, I inherited a student-focused tradition. The faculty brings a variety of professional backgrounds and credentials to our curriculum, enabling our program to offer courses in policing, corrections, criminal law, and criminal procedure, but also civil practice, paralegal studies, and family law, as well as community and social justice. All the faculty shares a commitment to making sure the student experience is the best it can be, whether in delivering courses in the classroom or online, or in encouraging student clubs and other learning activities outside the classroom.

Looking ahead, we can extend and deepen this tradition in several ways:

- Pursue a working environment that encourages and rewards innovation and excellence in teaching methods
- Increase research-led teaching, in which all faculty actively contribute to the field of knowledge in subjects they teach
- Increase experiential learning, in which all students have the opportunity to participate in an internship, study abroad program, or undergraduate research project
- Ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in a diverse learning community that includes faculty and students

As you will see from this brief report, 2016-17 has been a great year for Law and Justice. Our students, with the support and encouragement of faculty, have excelled in scholarship. There are now 44 LAJ students who have achieved membership in Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honor society for criminal justice. And we—students and faculty—have benefited from the continuing support of our community advisory board, our graduates, and friends.

**Paul Knepper**

Professor and Chair

May 5, 2017

Autumn Adams presented "Indigenous Mass Incarceration and Racial Injustice: The Colonial Problem in Canada and the United States," a paper co-authored with Charles Reasons and Lisa Monachalin, at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Las Vegas, February 2017.

Autumn Adams has been awarded a College of Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) grant for this summer and will be a McNair Scholar for Fall 2017. Her research project, "Domestic Violence on Reservations: Social and Legal Issues", will be undertaken under the supervision of Charles Reasons.

Autumn Adams received the College of the Sciences Dean's Award for the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement. This year, the award focused on students who have shown "grit" in their lives and academic career. She will be recognized at a community engagement dinner on May 24, 2017.

Judah Bergeron was invited to present his honor's thesis at the Western Regional Honors College Conference at Southern Oregon University in April 2017. His thesis, supervised by Roger Schaefer, deals with the social, structural, and psychological aspects of substance abuse treatment.

Judah Bergeron has been named outstanding student in Law & Justice for 2016-17. He was recognized at the Celebration of the Sciences dinner organized by the College of the Sciences on May 4, 2017.

Katie Carnell has been awarded a scholarship at Roger Williams School of Law in Rhode Island.

Six students will participate in CWU's Symposium of University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE) on May 24, 2017. Each of the students will analyze a case on the docket of the US Supreme Court this year. Alexandria Yerigan, Joseph Merrill, and Kayla Murphy will participate on a panel facilitated by Teresa Divine and Jayde Kettner; Michael Chavez and Scott Hoffman will participate on a panel organized by Shaffer Claridge.

Maddie Crisman and Autumn Adams will present their projects at SOURCE. Maddie Crisman's project is, "It's About More Than Bathrooms: Washington State School Policies," and Autumn Adam's project is "Domestic Violence on Reservations: Social and Legal Issues."

Madison Kneadler presented "Rethinking Reasons and Kaplan (1975): The Purpose and Outcomes of Imprisonment Today," a paper co-authored with Danielle Neal and Roger Schaefer, at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City in April 2017.

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## Student Activities

Students from the LAJ clubs at CWU-Lynnwood and CWU-Des Moines traveled to Las Vegas for the Western Society of Criminology meeting in February 2017. Participating students included Amanda Cavazos, Cynthia Engel, Elisabeth Walsh, Diana von Olhausen, and Daniel Pilcher. Bob Moore, the club's faculty advisor, coordinated the trip.

The LAJ Club at Ellensburg went on a study tour to Houston, Texas, in March. Rachael Knight, Jessica Kenny, Emilio Valladares, Michelle Galves, Kelly Poulter, and Jacqueline Hendrickson had an opportunity to meet with a number of agencies including the ATF Regional Command, South Texas School of Law, Houston Police Department, Harris County District Attorney's Office, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The trip was organized by Wes Clogston.

Shaffer Claridge organized a Moot Court team. During spring quarter, the team gained recognition as a university club and convened an intramural competition, The Judge Wellington Open. The team plans to compete in a regional competition next year. Club members include Nicholas George, Kayla Murphy, Jayde Kettner, Emily Dodsworth, Maddie Freeman, Ulysses Morales, and Stephanie Danton. The students train in the Ellensburg Superior Courthouse.

## Graduate Students

- > Five students will have completed the MS in Law and Justice this year (four at the end of spring quarter and one at the end of summer quarter).
- > Ana Alcala's thesis explores the perceptions of crime in a rural university setting. Cody Stoddard, Roger Schaefer and Michael Harrod supervised her research.
- > Shon McClure's thesis covers therapeutic jurisprudence, specifically America's drug courts. Roger Schaefer, Cody Stoddard and Danielle Neal supervised his work.
- > Martin Roger-Reyes's thesis examines evidence-based practices in juvenile rehabilitation. Roger Schaefer, Cody Stoddard and Danielle Neal supervised his research.
- > Van Tay's thesis looks at best practices in offender reentry and reintegration. Roger Schaefer, Cody Stoddard and Daniel Neal supervised his research.
- > Cody Taylor's thesis investigates strategies and behaviors of cyber-deviance in internet trolling. His thesis was supervised by Cody Stoddard, Roger Schaffer and Michael Harrod.

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## Faculty Achievements and Activities

- > Wes Clogston received promotion to senior lecturer in the Department of Law and Justice. He came to CWU in 2012 from the University of Houston-Downtown.
- > Teresa Divine hosted CWU's Third Annual Diversity Awards to honor heroes of diversity in our community, held in the SURC Ballroom on April 20.
- > Paul Knepper was appointed Senior Research Fellow at the South-East European Research Centre (SEERC) in Thessaloniki, Greece. While there, he will supervise two PhD students.
- > Paul Knepper has been invited to join the editorial board for *Crime, History & Societies*, the official journal of the International Association for the History of Crime and Criminal Justice (IAHCCJ).
- > Krystal Noga-Styron was on sabbatical leave during the 2016-17 academic year. She worked with J. Michael Olivero on a book concerning the stories behind major legal cases on gay rights and an article on legalization of marijuana in Washington and its effects on Mexican drug cartels. She also worked on an article on the clash between First and Second Amendment rights on college and university campuses.
- > Charles Reasons was nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice, American Society of Criminology, 2016. He was also nominated for a 2017 CWU Faculty Diversity Award, receiving the runner-up award at the April 20 event.
- > Charles Reasons sat on the executive committee of the university-wide Social Justice and Human Rights Dialogue Series during the 2016-2017 academic year. In that role, he organized the following events: The Politics of Immigration: Law and Policy panel, October 17, 2016; Politics of Terrorism panel, October, 2016; Immigration: Know Your Rights by Northwest Immigration Rights Project, January 2017; Regie Cabico: Spoken Word Poet, January, 2017; World Immigration: The New Reality by Catherine Dauvergne, February, 2017; The Ice Raids: A Film and Panel, May 2017; and Immigration, Terrorism and the Politics of Fear by David Altheide, May 2017.
- > Charles Reasons organized "Migration: Rhetoric and Reality," a "mini-versity" consisting of four one-hour lectures by different professors for the Douglas Honors College in May 2017.
- > Roger Schaefer served as associate editor for the *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology*.
- > Cody Stoddard served as chair elect for the CWU Faculty Senate during 2016-17 and will serve as chair during the 2017-18 academic year. In March, he participated in the annual meeting of the Academic Council of Education in Washington, DC. President James Gaudino, Provost Katherine Frank, and Senate Chair Sathy Rajendran also participated.

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## Faculty Presentations

- > Teresa Divine presented "Funding a New Measure for Historically Black Colleges and Universities," a paper, at the Western Social Science Association conference in San Francisco in April 2017.
- > Krystal Noga-Styron presented "Covering Mass Shootings: Journalists Perceptions' on Coverage and Factors Influencing Attitudes," a paper, at the International Communication Association conference in San Diego in May 2017.
- > J. Michael Olivero and Krystal Noga-Styron presented "Mongol Patch Forfeiture: Abuse of State Power" a paper, at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City in April 2017.
- > Cody Stoddard presented a paper with Jillian Shafer and Michael Harrod, "University Student Perceptions of Police Legitimacy and Procedural Justice," at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans in November 2016.

## Faculty Publications

- > Paul Knepper (2017) "Historical Approaches to Crime, Media and Popular Culture," in Gray Cavender and Michelle Brown, eds, *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Crime, Media and Popular Culture*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- > Paul Knepper (2017) "Criminal history: Uses of the Past and the Ethics of the Archive," in Malcolm Coburn, Lorraine Gelsthorpe, and Azrini Wahidin, eds, *Ethics in Criminology: Dilemmas, Issues, and Solutions*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- > Krystal Noga-Styron, J. Michael Olivero and Sarah Britto (2016) "Predatory Journals in the Criminal Justice Sciences: Getting our Cite on Target" *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 11: 1-18.
- > Charles Reasons (2016) "The Life Course of American Criminology and Criminologists: Some Observations" *The Criminologist* 41 (2): 1-6.
- > Charles Reasons, Sherren Hassan, Michael Ma, Lisa Monachalin, Melinda Bige, Christianne Paras, and Simranjit Arora (2016) "Race and Criminal Justice in Canada" *International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences* 11: 75-99.

Lisa Monachalin, from Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, Canada, joined the Department of Law and Justice as a visiting professor during the winter quarter. Her recent book is *The Colonial Problem: An Indigenous Perspective on Crime and Injustice in Canada*. She taught a current topics course covering legal, corrections, and law enforcement issues from an indigenous/first people's perspective. Her visit, arranged by Professor Reasons, was sponsored by the Department of Law and Justice, the Department of Sociology, and the President's Office.

## Transitions

Mary Ellen Reimund will retire at the end of this year. Mary Ellen earned a JD from Drake Law School and an LL.M from the University of Missouri Law School. She joined Central Washington University in 2000 as associate professor and director of the Law and Justice program at CWU-Des Moines. During 2006-08, she served as department chair as well as Des Moines director. Mary Ellen brought her interest in restorative justice. She authored articles in *Drake Law Review*, *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, and *Appalachian Law Review* on victim-offender mediation and organized a restorative justice conference at Ellensburg. She created a number of law and justice courses for teaching via the internet and contributed to the development on the online program.

It will be Danielle Neal's final year with the Department of Law and Justice. She will be re-locating to Kansas to join family. Danielle came to Ellensburg in 2012 from Nebraska, where she had been assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Danielle developed the Community and Social Justice course, a core course for undergraduates, and taught theory and methods on the graduate program. She served as faculty advisor for the Law and Justice club and chaired the department's scholarships and assessment committees.

## Alumni News

- > Michelle Bennett was named chief of police at Sammamish Police Department.
- > Kevin Fuhr has been selected as chief of police for Moses Lake Police Department.
- > Hauke Harfst, 2016 Law and Justice College of Sciences Top Student award recipient, graduated from the elite Army Ranger School, successfully completing the 61-day program. A native of Yakima, he also served as the Associated Students of CWU Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- > A.P. Perez has been accepted to Florida A&M University School of Law.
- > Jim Ritter, Seattle Police Department, was featured in a CNN story (Feb 24, 2017) about the Safe Space program he created, a first-in-the-nation initiative for victims of hate crime.
- > Sena Sharff has been promoted to lieutenant at the Washington State Patrol.
- > Jacob Wittman is completing his final year at Georgetown University School of Law.



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## Adjunct Lecturers

- > Michelle Bennett taught Police Personnel during fall quarter. In October, Bennett was named chief of police at Sammamish.
- > Veronica Cano, research evaluation analyst supervisor, Youth and Family Services, Multnomah County, taught Research Methods during winter quarter.
- > R. Shaffer Claridge, a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law, taught a range of courses, including Introduction to Law and Justice during winter and spring quarter.
- > Moifair Chin, equal opportunity specialist, US Department of Labor, taught Community and Social Justice during spring quarter.
- > Christine Henderson taught Legal Research and Ethics, Diversity and Conflict during winter quarter and Community and Social Justice during spring quarter. Henderson worked at King County Superior Court for fifteen years and recently started a non-profit leadership research and development consulting organization.
- > Jodi Hammond is the chief criminal deputy prosecuting attorney, Kittitas County. She taught Family Law during winter and spring quarters.
- > Todd Salter, special agent team leader, Social Security Administration—Office of the Inspector General, taught Police-Community Relations during spring quarter. He has worked for the King County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol.
- > Carolyn Thurston, director of academic success initiatives at CWU, taught Basic Mediation during spring quarter.
- > Stacy Wahl taught Criminal Justice and Media and Domestic Violence during winter quarter and Victimology in the spring quarter. She works with at-risk youth and young adults at Columbia Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Moses Lake.
- > Scott Willis taught Report Writing during spring quarter. Willis leads the motorcycle patrol at the Ellensburg Police Department.

Are you a graduate of the Law & Justice program at CWU? We would love to hear from you! Please share with us your memories of CWU and let us know what you are doing now. Email us at [laj@cwu.edu](mailto:laj@cwu.edu).



Anmarie Aylward, assistant secretary, Community  
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Michelle Bennett, chief of police, Sammamish

Moifair Chin, US Department of Labor

Steve Cordero, director, Parke Creek Community Faculty

Gene Dana, sheriff, Kittitas County

Christine Henderson, non-profit leadership research and  
development and consulting

Mike Irons, juvenile justice administrator,  
Snohomish County

James Keith, administrator, Community Resource  
Development, DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation

Susan Koenig, analyst, Washington Traffic  
Safety Commission

Richard LaRosa, hearing officer, Washington State  
Intermediate Sentence Review Board

Dale Miller, chief, Ellensburg Police Department

Sue Rahr, executive director, Washington State Criminal  
Justice Training Commission

Ben Remak, Law & Justice Outstanding Alumnus 2016

James Ritter, officer, Seattle Police and Director,  
Seattle Police Museum

Scott Sparks, judge, Kittitas County Superior Court

Ken Thomas, chief of police, Kent, Washington

Greg Zempel, prosecutor, Kittitas County

## In Memoriam

The Law and Justice Department regrets the loss of John Kozar. He completed the BA in Law and Justice at CWU and received the CWU Alumni Association 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award, College of the Sciences. He was a member of the FBI National Academy Associates and Association of Former Agents of the US Secret Service. John was hospitalized with influenza in March 2017. His career in federal investigation, and the wider aims of law enforcement he pursued, are reflected in the collection of badges he donated to the department.

# Law and Justice Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## A Brief History by Paul Knepper<sup>1</sup>

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Department of Law and Justice celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. While we are marking two decades since the establishment of the Department, law and justice classes have been taught at CWU for a much longer period of time.

During the 1930s, what had been known as Washington State Normal School became Central Washington State College, and the college organized programs of study for students who wanted to enter fields other than education. In 1944, a "pre-professional" program became available for law, and in 1946, the pre-law schedule extended to two full years.<sup>2</sup>

The BA program in Law and Justice began in the 1970s, a time of rapid expansion when Central Washington State College evolved into Central Washington University. Undergraduate enrollments climbed from 2,200 at the start of the 1960s to more than 8,000 by the mid-1970s. The college added buildings, hired professors, and increased the number of degree programs.<sup>3</sup>

Robert C. Jacobs founded the Law & Justice program and served as the first director. Jacobs completed a BA in government from City College of New York and an MA in political science from Columbia University. He worked as a research clerk for the Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff, interned at the New York State Commission on Human Rights, and lectured at Colby College, Maine. In 1970, he received a PhD in political science from Columbia University, having submitted a dissertation entitled *Law Enforcement in a Small City*. That same year, he arrived in Ellensburg to join the Department of Political Science.

Shortly after arriving, Jacobs wrote a proposal for a new degree in Law & Justice. He pointed out that the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice (1967) had in a report recommended that within the next 15 years all persons recruited as police officers acquire a baccalaureate degree. The late 1960s and early 1970s had been a time of rising national concern about crime and public disorder. There were riots, protests, and demonstrations in cities across the country and crime became a leading topic in political campaigns. The federal government called for higher education standards for criminal justice personnel and research into the cause of crime.

Jacobs acquired a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) to conduct a state-wide survey to understand the market for graduates, and developed a curriculum, borrowing from existing courses in the social sciences. The degree was designed to prepare students for careers in policing as well as probation, parole, corrections, paralegal work, and court administration. The July 12, 1974 edition of the *Campus Crier* announced: "A new law and justice program, the first of its kind in the state, will be offered here this fall".<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> My thanks to Julia Stringfellow and Carlos Pelley at Archives and Special Collections, Central Washington University Library, for their assistance.

<sup>2</sup> Samuel R. Mohler, *The First Seventy-Five Years: A History of Central Washington State College 1891-1966* (Ellensburg, Washington: Central Washington State College, 1966), pp. 165-166.

<sup>3</sup> Karen Blair, "Central Washington University", p. 4

<sup>4</sup> "Jacobs will head new program in law and justice" *Campus Crier*. July 12, 1974, p. 8.

The first students arrived in the autumn of 1974. At that time, the program was an interdepartmental major with required courses taken in political science, sociology, and psychology. The program emphasized the liberal arts according to the philosophy that police officers needed a higher education along the same lines as accountants, chemists, managers, and other professionals. The curriculum was limited to upper division courses in criminal evidence, patrol, investigation, legal practice, court administration, criminal law, and police administration.<sup>5</sup>

Originally, the program was located in the Psychology Building, which also housed the Department of Political Science and the primate studies laboratory. Law and Justice faculty occupied the fourth floor, just above the chimpanzees learning to communicate with human beings using sign language.

The number of Law and Justice students grew each year, a process accelerated by the opening of the CWU centers. The Washington State Council on Post-Secondary Education, in response to the oil crisis, had asked the regional universities to begin offering degree programs to underserved areas of the state. Central opened the Fort Steilacoom Center at Pierce College and, starting in 1979, students could take Law & Justice courses there.

Law and Justice classes were also offered at Paine Field in Snohomish County. In 1982, these classes relocated to Edmonds Community College at Lynnwood. During the next few years, Law and Justice courses also became available at other centers including Yakima Valley Community College and Des Moines. The latter were first taught at South Seattle Community College and later at Highline Community College.<sup>6</sup> Within the next decade, students at the various centers would comprise as much as half of the total Law and Justice enrollment.

During the 1980s, the curriculum expanded to include courses in administration of criminal justice, family law, legal research, and industrial security. There were also courses on nuclear security and nuclear emergency management.<sup>7</sup> Nuclear safety became a national issue in the months after the incident at Three Mile Island and remained a focus of concern at CWU throughout the early 1980s. When Robert Jacobs resigned in 1988, Max D. Zwanziger became director of the program. Zwanziger joined the Psychology Department in 1967 after receiving a PhD in psychology from the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. He managed Law and Justice until 1992.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Central Washington State College Quarterly, Undergraduate Studies 1975-76, pp. 132-133.

<sup>6</sup> Robert M. Benton, "Development of CWU Extended Degree Centers" August 8, 1997.

<sup>7</sup> Central Washington University Bulletin 1985/87, pp 159-160.

<sup>8</sup> "CWU Announces Retirements" December 6, 1996.

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## Evolving into a Department

The core of what would become the Law and Justice faculty began to arrive in the early 1990s. J. Michael Olivero came to Ellensburg in 1991. He completed his PhD in sociology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and taught at the University of Texas-Pan American. He taught courses in corrections, correctional law, criminology, probation/parole, research methods, and juvenile delinquency. Two years later, the faculty expanded to include James Roberts, an MSW and JD from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, who had worked for 12 years as a staff attorney in the campus legal clinic.

The 1994-96 university catalog recognized the Department of Law & Justice for the first time. The text explained the degree program offered by the department had been "designed to give students a foundation in law and justice, a broadly-based education in the liberal arts tradition, not a police or corrections training experience." It relied on the disciplines of criminal justice and legal studies, as well as political science, psychology, and sociology. Olivero and Roberts discontinued the courses in nuclear and industrial security and added courses in correctional law, correctional counseling, paralegal studies, police-community relations, history of crime in America, probation and parole, and research methods. Students could choose from tracks in pre-law/paralegal, corrections, and law enforcement.<sup>9</sup> Professor Olivero served as the first chair. He led the new department until 1996 when Roberts received promotion to associate professor and became chair. The recommendations to the Board of Trustees noted that James Roberts had engaged in professional service and scholarly activity despite an "extraordinarily heavy teaching load."<sup>10</sup>

The Department of Law and Justice developed the LINK program in conjunction with the Department of Sociology and the Office of International Studies. The program encompassed Spanish language courses combined with a field experience at the Centro Mexicano Internacional in Morelia, Mexico. Upon returning to CWU, LINK students were placed in internships with organizations that served Latino cultures. The internship allowed students to develop language skills in English and Spanish, which helped them to prepare for careers in social services and criminal justice.<sup>11</sup>

Within the next few years, Law & Justice had two professors, Olivero and Roberts; an assistant professor, Jean Soliz, and two lecturers, Rodrigo Murataya and Robert Pattison.<sup>12</sup> At this time, Soliz, who had been director of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, served as chair. Murataya, Olivero, Pattison, and Roberts all had "overload teaching" assignments. Although the university catalog had awarded Law & Justice the status of a department, it would have been difficult to tell this from a walk around university buildings. The department operated out of a regular faculty office. When the education faculty moved out of Black Hall, Law & Justice acquired four faculty offices and some surplus office furniture. Law & Justice pressed the administration for a space comparable to other social science departments: a workroom with letterboxes and a reception area with a bulletin board and a sign.<sup>13</sup>

The faculty made the most of advances in instructional technology. During the fall quarter of 1998, Roberts taught a distance education course using interactive television from Ellensburg to centers in Yakima and in the Sea-tac area. Murataya supervised construction of a departmental webpage and Olivero accepted assignments by "Hotmail." Soliz submitted a grant for development of a course taught over the internet. The department welcomed the arrival of twelve "Pentium computers" to the computer lab on its floor of the Psychology Building. Research methods could be taught there, and students could use the lab to work on assignments between lectures.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Central Washington University, Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog 1994/96, pp 156-157.

<sup>10</sup> Faculty Promotion Recommendations Effective Fall 1996. June 7, 1996 Board of Trustees Meeting.

<sup>11</sup> Central Washington University, LINK PROGRAM for Sociology and Law and Justice Majors. Office of International Studies and Programs, n.d.

<sup>12</sup> Central Washington University, Undergraduate Catalog 1999-2000, pp 132-133.

<sup>13</sup> "Strategic Plan, Department of Law and Justice, FY 1999-00", December 15, 1998.

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## Entering the New Millennium

In 1999, Charles Reasons joined the department as professor and chair. Reasons, who had studied sociology at Central Washington State College in the 1960s, received a PhD in Sociology from Washington State University and a JD from the University of British Columbia. Before returning to Ellensburg, he had chaired the Department of Criminal Justice at Buffalo State University and had been professor of sociology at the University of Calgary. Reasons initiated a curriculum review and the Department created a separate curriculum for Law & Justice without the need to borrow from other social science disciplines. The department began holding an annual awards ceremony and banquet in the spring. In 2001, Fran Chapple, president of the Washington State Paralegal Association, was the speaker at a "Westside" banquet and Gil Kerlikowske, chief of the Seattle Police Department, at the "Eastside" banquet.

Following an initial meeting in October 2000, the department announced the formation of a new community advisory board. The board included Janet Goodwill, director of criminal justice at Yakima Valley Community College; Dave Cooper, president of the State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Steve Cordero, administrator of Parke Creek Treatment Center; William Holmes, administrator of probation services for Kittitas County; Greg Zempel, prosecutor for Kittitas County; Bob Richie, chief of police for Ellensburg; Kenneth Ray, director of corrections and security for Kittitas County; Steve Rittreiser, director of public safety and police at CWU; Joy Smucker, coordinator of the paralegal program, Highline Community College; Jonathon Whitefoot, police commissioner, Tribal Police, Yakima Nation; James Carter, program manager, DSHS Division of Children and Family Services.<sup>15</sup>

The attacks on New York and Washington on December 11, 2001, led criminology and criminal justice programs across the country to reflect on what was meant by "crime" and "justice." At Central, the Department of Law & Justice began to offer a course in terrorism. Yvonne Chapman, an intelligence officer within the U.S. Navy Reserves, taught the course using Powerpoint lectures, which were posted on her website.

Mary Ellen Reimund joined the faculty in 2000. She received an LL.M from the University of Missouri Law School and J.D. from Drake Law School. Prior to joining the faculty, she taught at Metropolitan State University in Minnesota. Professor Reimund developed classes in alternative dispute resolution and mediation. Reimund, who was director of CWU-Des Moines, also developed correctional law as an on-line course using the CWU Blackboard system. It was available to students at Ellensburg and all centers.<sup>16</sup> Key Sun also joined the faculty as assistant professor that year. He brought a PhD in criminal justice from Rutgers University and an MSW from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He had worked as a correctional mental health counselor at the Washington State Department of Corrections. Sun became director of CWU-Pierce.

In 2003, Philip Tolin from the Department of Psychology became chair of Law & Justice. Although there were only seven permanent faculty, Law & Justice was already one of the most popular majors at the university. There were 550 majors at multiple sites. The administration added faculty, and, as Tolin explained at his retirement in 2006, the department could have used two or three more.<sup>17</sup> Teresa Francis Divine joined CWU as an assistant professor in 2004. She received a JD at Mississippi College of Law and an LL.M at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She became director of CWU-Pierce and initiated the first annual Black Graduation to recognize African-American and African student achievement at CWU. Around this time, Bob Moore became a full-time lecturer following his retirement from the Washington Department of Corrections. He had been regional administrator with responsibility for prison and community corrections in a seven-county region.

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<sup>15</sup> "CWU Law and Justice Department Announces Advisory Board" Law and Justice News, Spring 2001.

<sup>16</sup> "LAJ Faculty News" Fall Newsletter (Sept 2002), p. 3.

<sup>17</sup> "Philip Tolin Interview" October 13, 2006. CWU Retirement Association Interviews.



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A year later, Krystal Noga-Styron, who received a JD from the University of Oregon School of Law, joined the faculty as assistant professor and director of CWU-Lynnwood. She brought experience as a criminal prosecuting attorney and judge pro tempore. When Tolin retired, Reimund became department chair as well as director of CWU-Des Moines.

In 2008-09, the Department of Law and Justice had two professors, Reasons and Olivero; five associate professors, Murataya, Reimund, Roberts, Sarah Britto, and Key Sun; two assistant professors, Divine and Noga-Styron; and two lecturers, Cathy Bushá and Robert Moore. The department offered courses at three centers in Western Washington, including Edmonds Community College, Highline Community College, and Pierce College, as well as at two Central Washington locations, including the residential campus in Ellensburg and Yakima Valley Community College. The department also set up the Nelson K. Ng inspiration award to remember Sergeant Ng of the Ellensburg Police Department who died of a duty-related illness.

## A Department for the 21st Century

When Charles Reasons returned to the chair in 2009, the Department introduced a new curriculum. Rather than tracks in pre-law/paralegal, law enforcement, and corrections, all students completed a common core of 8 courses and 5 electives from Law and Justice courses, plus other electives.<sup>18</sup> The core focused on critical thinking, research, legal analysis, and communication skills, and the elective element allowed students to tailor their curriculum to meet particular career goals. There were two new core courses, community and social justice and criminal law, and three new electives: African Americans and the Constitution, comparative criminal justice, and sexual minorities, law and justice.

The Department of Law and Justice moved into its present location on the third floor of Farrell Hall during the spring quarter of 2009. This new location provided space for offices, a conference room, a computer lab, and a library/study area for students. Between 2004 and 2009, each of the centers moved into new facilities at their host community colleges. Cody Stoddard, who had a PhD in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati, and was interested in courts and legal issues, joined the Department in 2010. He initiated a first-year course, LAJ 102 Introduction to Law and Justice, which could be taken as part of the general education requirements.

In 2012, Rodrigo Murataya became a full professor and department chair. He had worked as a police officer in Zillah and a correctional officer in Yakima. He completed the Law and Justice degree at Central Washington University and went on to complete a PhD from Gonzaga University based on research into policing in Mexico. He developed the Law and Justice program at CWU-Yakima. That same year, Wes Clogston joined the faculty as a lecturer. He previously had a career as a game warden in Texas, and on his retirement from the Department of Parks and Wildlife, was a regional director with responsibility for conservation activities on the upper and middle coast.

The Department counted 603 students, graduate and undergraduate, across nine sites: Ellensburg, Moses Lake, Wenatchee, Yakima, Des Moines, Lynnwood, Pierce County, Everett, and Kent. The Department offered 10 graduate and 35 undergraduate courses, including courses delivered via the internet. According to accounts of the time, Law and Justice was "enthusiastic about being one of the first CWU departments to offer an on-line undergraduate degree program." There were 16 online students, under the care of Stoddard, who was identified as the "online program advisor and acting program director." Clogston developed a number of his courses for delivery via the internet, using Canvas and Panopto.

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<sup>18</sup> Central Washington University, Undergraduate/Graduate Catalog, 2009-2010, p 178.

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## A Department for the 21st Century

The department has maintained ties with city, county and state law enforcement communities. This allowed students to participate in research projects and internships as well as learn from professionals who served as adjunct lectures and guest lectures on courses. For example, Cathy Bushá, a lecturer in the department and Ellensburg attorney, began taking student interns at her law office in 2003, and by 2012, had provided internship experiences for 50 students.

The Department introduced the MS in Law and Justice in 2012. The program had originally started as a Continuing Education program through the CWU center at Kent. With the move to Ellensburg, the faculty revised the curriculum and recruited a new group of students. The first Ellensburg MSLJ cohort graduated in 2016. That same year, Ben and Nancy Remak established an undergraduate scholarship in law enforcement. The scholarship provides full-tuition for a student in pursuit of a law enforcement career that is committed to “giving back” to their community. Ben Remak received a Law and Justice degree from CWU in 1979 and took courses at Fort Steilacoom.

In recent years, the Department has expanded with new faculty and programs. Danielle Neal joined in 2013. She earned a PhD in Political Science at Washington State University and taught in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Saul Chacón, a Law and Justice graduate with an MA from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and experience working in the Yakima County Department of Corrections, became a lecturer. Roger Schaefer, who received his PhD in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Washington State University, joined the faculty in 2015. Schaefer, whose dissertation focused on sex offender supervision in Washington, also had been a research associate on a statewide evaluation of correctional industries.

Although Law and Justice developed its own curriculum, the department has kept its ties with other social sciences. Psychology and sociology remain popular minors for Law and Justice majors. A certificate program in forensic science, based in the Department of Anthropology, started in Fall 2015.

In marking the 20th anniversary of the Department, the faculty, graduates and friends celebrate more than four decades of Law and Justice education. Over the years, we have built great traditions of teaching legal studies and criminal justice, extending access to learning opportunities, building a diverse learning community, and engaging professional communities.

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<sup>19</sup> “A Quick Snapshot of the Department of Law and Justice, Fall 2012”, October 18, 2012.



