

Central Washington University

Law and Justice Department

Update 2017-2018



Message from the Chair

The Department of Law & Justice is distinguished by our combination of criminal justice, law in society, and social justice. We offer undergraduate and graduate programs, programs and courses at four off-campus sites, and a fully online program.

We are a faculty focused on students, and during this past year, we contributed to this tradition in several ways. We surveyed students in our courses to learn about their interests and needs, and to identify ways in which we can increase what we offer, to improve how we deliver our programs, and to increase opportunities for learning. Using DE classrooms at Ellensburg, we offered courses at Yakima and Pierce for the first time in several years, and brought new faculty instruction to what we have offered at Lynnwood and Des Moines.

We added new courses in Wildlife Law Enforcement and Policing in a Contemporary Society for pre-majors, and three courses that will become part of the new general education program in addition to Introduction to Law and Justice. These are: Law in American History; Latinos, Law & Justice; and Race, Gender and Justice. We created a new field placement program that will enable more students to participate in experiential learning and receive credit that will count toward the major. Beginning this summer, students can enroll in LAJ 493 Field Placement Experience, and as a co-requisite, LAJ 499 Field Placement Seminar.

We received funding from the Provost's Strategic Initiative Fund to build a mock court room in Farrell Hall. It will provide a space for role plays and simulations within a wide range of our courses. We also received funding to convert Farrell 317 into a seminar room equipped with Cisco WebEx video conferencing technology. This room will make it possible to bring graduate students at various locations into seminar discussions taking place in Ellensburg.

The Department has received attention for our Quarterly Lecture Series, introduced this year. Each quarter, we all come together—students and faculty—for presentations by visiting speakers, current faculty, and graduates to challenge and inspire us. We also received attention this past year for our pursuit of diversity and efforts to strengthen our offer to Latino students and engage Latino communities. During the coming months, our experience will contribute to a wider conversation at CWU about joining several hundred colleges and universities across the country designated as HSI—Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

It has been my second year as chair, and I am very proud of our students and faculty. In the pages that follow, you will understand why.

Paul Knepper, PhD
Professor and Chair
May 21, 2018

Law & Justice Faculty

Veronica Cano. *Assistant Professor*. BS, Physiological Sciences; BA, Sociology; University of Arizona; MA, Social Work, Arizona State University; PhD, Criminology, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom.

Saul Chacon. *Lecturer*. AA, General Studies, Yakima Valley College; BA, Law and Justice, Central Washington University; MA, Criminal Justice Management, University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

Robert W. Clogston. *Senior Lecturer*. BS, MS, Criminal Justice Management; Sam Houston State University.

R. Shaffer Claridge. *Lecturer*. BA, Political Science; University of Oregon; JD, University of Oregon School of Law.

Teresa Divine. *Associate Professor*. BA, Political Science, University of New Mexico; JD, Mississippi College School of Law; LLM, Criminal Law, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.

Paul Knepper. *Professor*. BS, Social Science, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay; MS, Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; PhD, Justice Studies, Arizona State University.

Robert Moore. *Senior Lecturer*. BA, Sociology, Central Washington University; MA, Sociology, New Mexico State University.

Rodrigo Murataya. *Professor*. AA, Yakima Valley College; BA, Law & Justice, Central Washington University; MPA, University of Washington; PhD, Gonzaga University.

Krystal Noga-Styron. *Professor*. BA, Political Science and Spanish, University of Illinois; MA, Journalism and Communication Law, University of Oregon; JD, University of Oregon.

J. Michael Olivero. *Professor*. BA, Sociology, San Francisco State University; MS, Criminal Justice Sciences Illinois University; MSW, Eastern Washington University; PhD, Sociology, Southern Illinois University.

Charles Reasons. *Professor*. AA, Olympic College; BA, Sociology, Central Washington State College; MA, Sociology, Ohio University; LLB, JD, University of British Columbia School of Law; PhD, Sociology, Washington State University.

Roger Schaefer. *Assistant Professor*. BA, Criminology, University of Iowa at Cedar Falls; MS, Criminology and Criminal Justice; Indiana State University; PhD, Washington State University.

Cody Stoddard. *Associate Professor*. BA, Criminal Justice Administration, Boise State University; BS, Political Science, Boise State University; MA, Criminal Justice Administration, Boise State University; PhD, Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati.

Jason Berthon-Koch, who received his BA in L&J in 2007, has been appointed chief of police and director of public safety at CWU.

Jeff Dowhaniuk is a detective with the Mount Vernon Police Department and teaches part-time at Skagit Valley College.

Michael Luvera was named police chief of Burlington Police Department; he had been chief of police and parking services at CWU for six years.

In Memorium

Tammy Anne Peterson died peacefully in May at Cottage in the Meadow. She graduated from CWU with her BA in Law & Justice. She enjoyed supporting the Seahawks, and spending time with her husband, granddaughters, and two dogs.

“TJ” Toussaint Tyler, former CWU basketball player and Law & Justice graduate, died this past year. He was at CWU from 2009-2012.

Wendi Traynor died this past year. After graduating from CWU, she moved to Kentucky. She was planning to work in the criminal justice system.

Community Advisory Board

Shawn Boyle, Lieutenant, Patrol Division, Yakima Police Department

Mandy Burkett, Administrative Assistant, Yakima Sheriff's Office

Gene Dana, Sheriff, Kittitas County

Luz Bazan Gutierrez, Rural Community Developments Resources, Yakima

Emilio Iniguez, Administrator, Sunrise Community (DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation), Ephrata

Carmen Mendez, Assistant Mayor, Yakima City Council

Ben Remak, Law and Justice Outstanding Alumnus 2016

Bob Udell, Chief Criminal Deputy, Yakima County Sheriff's Office

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor, Kittitas County

Student Achievement

The Law & Justice Faculty selected Jayde Kettner as the Outstanding Student in Law & Justice for 2017-18. Jayde, who had been nominated by Shaffer Claridge, was recognized on May 3 at the Celebration of the Sciences dinner hosted by the College of the Sciences.

Several students received awards or scholarships at the Department's recognition ceremony held in conjunction with the Spring Quarterly lecture on May 10. The recipients were selected by the Awards and Recognition Committee of the Law & Justice faculty:

Noemi Ortiz received the Women in Law Enforcement Scholarship

Gustavo Rodriguez received the Amy Marie Castner Memorial Scholarship.

Savannah Vercruysse received the Ben and Nancy Remak Scholarship.

Yesenia Villanueva received the Ben and Nancy Remak Scholarship

Kaitlin Miller was named the Outstanding Graduating Student-Westside.

Rhett Lions was named the Outstanding graduating student-Eastside

Cortez Rayford received the Sergeant Ng Inspiration Award

Law and Justice graduate Judah Bergeron was selected as the student speaker for CWU Commencement in June 2017.

Three L&J Students received awards for Outstanding Oral Presentation at SOURCE.

Brendan Gray “Blood Donation Laws: A 35 year ban on gays” Mentored by Teresa Divine

Mariah Hogan “Hughes vs United States” Mentored by R. Shaffer Claridge

Jordan Richardson “Carpenter v. United States: Can You Track Me Now?”

Mentored by Teresa Divine

Several Law & Justice students will be recognized by the College of the Sciences Honors Celebration on June 8.

Riley Wyatt, President's Scholar

Jayde Kettner, Dean's Scholar

Peyton Graham, Dean's Scholar

Isaac Messenger, Dean's Scholar

Selah Morgan, Dean's Scholar

Student Activities

The Law & Justice Club made a study tour of Vancouver, British Columbia, during Spring Break. Vanessa Alvarado, Myrna Alvarez, Ali Arias, Isaac Messenger, William Minto, Tanner Moser, Michelle Lozano, Shella Vasquez, and Yesenia Villanueva made the tour, put together by Professor Reasons. The tour included visits to the University of British Columbia Law School, Community Courts, Simon Fraser University School of Criminology Forensic Lab and Morgue, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Restorative Justice Center and East Vancouver Community Center.

In February, the Mock Trial Club competed at the American Mock Trial Association regional competition in Seattle and finished ahead of Washington State University in the overall standings. This was the first competition for the Club. The team was comprised of Maddie Freeman, Emily Dodsworth, Tailer Englehart-Grotte, Liara Yoakum, Breanna Wilson, Mariah Hogan, Jeffrey Seligman, Ally McNabb, Sarah Nahpt and Brittany Hall. Shaffer Claridge is faculty advisor.

Yasmeen Herrera-Flores and Jamie Gonzalez participated in the Latino Firsts in Public Service Project. In this project, students interview leading Latinos and Latinas in legal and government positions about the barriers they faced and strategies for overcoming them. The project is led by Professor Knepper.

Several students participated in CWU's Symposium of Undergraduate and Creative Expression (SOURCE) on May 17-18. Jayde Kettner, Mariah Hogan, Mathilde Angeledei, Sarah Laasri, Jordan Richardson and Victoria Reese each analyzed a case on the docket of the US Supreme Court this year. Teresa Divine and Shaffer Claridge led the students.

Rodrigo Murataya organized a trip for students to Walla Walla State Penitentiary in May. Some 24 students participated.

Bob Moore took a group of students to Monroe Correctional Complex in October and another in May. He also took a group to four King County Juvenile Detention Facility in April and Echo Glen Treatment Center in May.

In December, Professor J. Michael Olivero went on medical leave. Professor Olivero came to Ellensburg in 1991 to teach on the Law & Justice program, and in 1994, became the founding chair of the Department of Law & Justice.

Emily Veitia became secretary supervisor. She has an MS degree in Primate Behavior from CWU and formerly worked as senior secretary, Department of Political Science

Adjunct Faculty

Christine Henderson taught Community and Social Justice at CWU-Lynnwood and CWU-Des Moines during Spring Quarter. She worked at the King County Superior Court for 15 years and recently started a non-profit leadership research and development consulting organization.

Jodi Hammond taught Family Law in Fall Quarter and Administration of Criminal Justice during Winter Quarter. She is the chief deputy prosecuting attorney for Kittitas County.

Tony Swartz taught Domestic Violence during Fall Quarter and Administration of Criminal Justice during Winter Quarter. He is a prosecuting attorney for Kittitas County.

Stacy Wahl taught victimology during Spring Quarter. She works with at-risk youth and young adults at Columbia Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Moses Lake.

Alumni News

Brian Winter, Sheriff of Yakima County, was named Outstanding Alumnus- Eastside. Sheriff Winter has been diagnosed as having ALS and will retire in June. Governor Inslee designated February 13 as "Sheriff Brian Winter Day" to recognize his 30 year career in law enforcement.

Sergio Mendoza was named Outstanding Alumnus-Westside. Sergio worked with Jim Ritter, founder of the Seattle Police Museum, led the L&J Club at Des Moines, and received the award for Outstanding Graduating Student-Westside in 2012. He now works with the police for the Port of Seattle.

Max Anderson, who received his BA in L&J in 2010, received an M.S. in International Development from the Tulane University School of Law and works in the private sector managing complex investigations and intelligence collection.

Roger Shaefer, Christopher Campell, Ryan Labrecque, Molly Harvis, Karma Rose Maciasm Leah Reddy, and Kayla LaBranche, "Fairness and Respect in Institutional Corrections: Examining the Role of Procedural Justice in Reducing Harm and Disorder in Prison." Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, February 2018.

Faculty Publications

Britto, S. and K.E. Noga-Styron (2018) "Media consumption and support for capital punishment" In S.G. Tibbetts and C.T. Hemmens, eds. *Criminological Theory: A Text/Reader*. 3rd edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Noga-Styron, K and J.M. Olivero (2017) "The legalization of marijuana in Washington State and its effect on the price of the recreational and the medical product" *Crime and Human Behavior* 1: 70-84.

Dahmen, N; Abdenour, J; MacIntrye, and Noga-Styron, K (2017) "Covering mass shootings: Journalists Perceptions of Coverage and Factors Influencing Attitudes" *Journalism Practice*

Paul Knepper, "Theorising a Forensic Model of Crime Prevention" (2018) Pp. 50-66 in Danielle Reynolds and Benoit LeClerc, eds, *Criminology at the Edge: The Future of Rational Choice for Crime Prevention* London: Routledge.

Paul Knepper (2017) 'History of Crime in the United Kingdom' 2d. Richard Wright, ed, *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Transitions

Veronica Cano joined the Department as assistant professor. She has an MA in Social Work from the University of Arizona and a PhD in Criminology from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. Her research interests include youth justice; culture, gender, and comparative research with an emphasis on intersectionality. Dr Cano has extensive experience working in the Arizona Juvenile Court in Tuscon and Youth and Family Services, Multnomah County, Oregon. She teaches Research Methods, Juvenile Justice, and Community and Social Justice.

Saul Chacon was promoted to Senior Lecturer. He has taught a range of courses for the Department, including Police Personnel, Correctional Counselling, Correctional Law, Issues in Policing, Crime in America, Police Community Relations, Victimology, Community and Social Justice, and Criminal Law.

R. Shaffer Claridge became a fulltime lecturer in the Department of Law & Justice. He has taught courses for several years, including Introduction to Law and Justice, Legal Writing, Civil Practice and Great American Trials. Shaffer advises the Mock Trial Club.

Student Internships and Field Placements

Cynthia Banuelos, Washington Legislative Internship, Olympia.

Ashby Brown, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office, Ellensburg
Arber Demiri, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, Ellensburg

Megan Fore, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office, Ellensburg
Kristin Easterly, Parke Creek Treatment Center, Ellensburg

Icela Gonzalez, DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation, Yakima
Quinton Harrington, Washington Legislative Internship, Olympia.

Megan Johnson, Snohomish County Superior Court, Snohomish.
Bianca Mendoza, Benton Franklin Juvenile Center, Kennewick

Isaac Messenger, Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Yakima
Ashley Pernel, Parke Creek Treatment Center, Ellensburg

Angela Pierce, Law Office of Richard T. Cole, Ellensburg
Kyle Roberts, Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, Ellensburg

Hannah Snyder, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office, Ellensburg

Graduate students

Dalton Nieffer became the first student on the MS in Law and Justice program to receive a graduate assistantship. In this role, he served as the Department's first field placement coordinator.

Madison Swanson, Ana Lopez, and Taylor Greenwood were all MS students who completed their written and oral exams this academic year. All had Professor Schaefer as their mentor.

Eric Galvan successfully completed the MS and oral exams during Spring Quarter, with an emphasis on "Latinos and Criminal Justice", with Professor Reasons as his mentor.

Quarterly Lectures

During 2017-18, the Department introduced the Quarterly Lecture Series. The series, in which all regular classes are cancelled one day each quarter and students and faculty attend lecturers on a theme together, was inspired by the university-wide symposia held at CWU during the Brooks era in the 1960s. David Altheide, CWU graduate who attended the symposia then, made the suggestion during his keynote presentation at the Department's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration in May 2017.

Fall

Frank Gavaldon, a CWU graduate, spoke about his career, including his work as a civil rights investigator in Tacoma. Krystal Noga-Styron presented "Covering mass shootings: Journalists' predictions of coverage and factors influencing attitudes".

Winter

Vera Lopez, Associate Professor in Justice Studies at the School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, spoke on "Caught Up in the System: Latina Girls, Parents, Drugs and Juvenile Justice". Veronica Cano gave a presentation on "The Value of Culture and Family in Latina Delinquent Behavior".

Spring

Faith Lutze and Roger Schaefer gave a presentation about "Washington's Criminal Justice System: Progress in Action" Lutze, professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Washington State University, was president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) during 2017-18.

Faculty achievements

Charles Reasons received the Diversity Award at the 4th Annual Diversity Awards celebration.

Cody Stoddard received the Presidential Faculty Award at Evening of Recognition on May 23rd, 2018.

Wes Clogston received the Outstanding Faculty Affiliate for the University Athletic Department at the Annual Welly's Award Ceremony

Charles Reasons received a Distinguished Faculty Award from the Faculty Senate for his record of service.

Law Day Event

The Department of Law & Justice sponsored a session of the Court of Appeals, 3rd division, at CWU on May 1, known nationally as "Law Day". Chief Judge Robert Lawrence-Berrey, Acting Chief Judge Rebecca Pennell and Judge Kevin Korsmo heard oral arguments in four cases in SURC Theater.

Faculty activities

Cody Stoddard served as Chair of the CWU Faculty Senate during 2017-18. 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 Elect Amy Claridge also participated.

Paul Knepper lectured on "The History of Criminological Thought" at the School of Criminal Sciences, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, April 2018.

Paul Knepper served as interim chair of the Department of Political Science.

Charles Reasons chaired the Central Board of Washington Justice for Our Neighbors (CWJFON), a First United Methodist JFON Ministry. Comprised of Ellensburg residents, the board plans to offer immigration legal services to the university and wider community beginning in May.

Faculty presentations

Paul Knepper "The Road to Buenos Aires? The International Police Response to Human Trafficking, 1881-1945" Conexões Policiais: Histórias Atlânticas e Perspectivas Globais/ Policing Connections: Atlantic Histories and Global Perspectives. Rio de Janeiro, June 2017.

Paul Knepper, "Seven Controversies among Historians of Crime (and why Criminologists Need to Know about Them)" Social Science History Conference, Montreal, November 2017.

Charles Reasons, Autumn Adams and Lisa Monchalin, "Domestic Violence on Reservations: A Legacy of Colonialism", Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2018.