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STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE FBI TRAINING HEADQUARTERS IN QUANTICO, VA

STUDENTS VISIT FBI AND DEA TRAINING HEADQUARTERS



On October 23 and 24, 2023, more than 30 students traveled to the FBI and DEA Training Headquarters in Quantico, VA. Students were able to get an inside look at both the DEA and FBI training facilities and attend presentations from special agents, intelligence analysts, investigators, and chemists. Students were also able to go to Hogan's Alley and tour the various labs on the campus.

STUDENTS ATTEND A LECTURE AT THE DEA TRAINING FACILITY

STUDENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP COURSE VISIT SCOTLAND



STUDENTS VISIT MURRAYFIELD STADIUM IN EDINBURGH AND LEARNED ABOUT SECURITY OPERATIONS.

Graduate students taking CJ 582: International Policing and Public Safety Leadership spent a week in Scotland in July to visit many of the agencies that provide law enforcement and security services within the country. Dr. Brian Lockwood, Professor Douglas Collier, and Mitchell Sklar of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) led the trip that had students meet with officials from The Scottish Police College, the Scottish Parliament, and Murrayfield Stadium, among several others. Students also had the opportunity to visit a local police station, tour a private cybersecurity firm, and visit many other locations, including Edinburgh Castle.



STUDENTS IN FRONT OF TULLIALLAN CASTLE AT THE SCOTTISH POLICE COLLEGE

ALUMNI IN THE FIELD



JENNY TAVARES
B.A. IN CJ, 2023
LAW STUDENT
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL



JUSTIN KRAMARZ
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NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE



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M.A. IN CJ, 2022
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NEW JERSEY ATTORNEY GENERAL
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FRAUD AND RISK ANALYST
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B.A. IN CJ, 2023
LAW STUDENT
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MICHAELA SCHENKER
B.A. IN CJ, 2022
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NJ DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

THE DEPARTMENT HOLDS FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER DAY



**STUDENTS NETWORK WITH PRACTITIONERS
FROM MANY FEDERAL AGENCIES**

On April 4, 2024, the Department of Criminal Justice hosted its annual Federal Law Enforcement Career Day for undergraduate and graduate students interested in a career with a federal law enforcement agency. This event featured representatives from numerous federal agencies and was attended by many students from several different academic departments on campus. We are proud to note that several of the practitioners who presented at this event are Department alumni who initially made contact with their future employer at an event like this.



FACULTY AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTITIONERS

DEPARTMENT PRESENTS RESEARCH AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY



GRADUATE STUDENT SYDNEY STRICKLAND PRESENTS HER RESEARCH ON CIT TRAINING

On November 16, 2023, a group of researchers from the Department of Criminal Justice at Monmouth University presented their research findings at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA. Their work centered on the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training offered by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office to local law enforcement and mental health practitioners. The purpose of CIT training is to build collaboration between law enforcement and mental health providers and foster de-escalation skills with special populations to ultimately alleviate police involvement in crisis situations, divert individuals from the justice system, and decrease use of force. Dr. Meg Forney, Dr. Brian Lockwood, and graduate student Sydney Strickland each presented their work to evaluate the effectiveness of the CIT training in Monmouth County.

DR. JOHN COMISKEY RECEIVES AWARD AS TOP HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATOR IN 2024

Dr. John Comiskey was the recipient of the prestigious Dr. Christopher Bellaviata Homeland Security Educator of the Year Award for 2024, presented by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS). As described by the CHDS, the award "recognizes Center for Homeland Defense and Security alumni who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to Homeland Security education as exemplified by the vision and leadership of Dr. Bellavita."



DR. JOHN COMISKEY WITH HIS AWARD AS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

STUDENTS LEARN TO APPLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT 'SAFETY TOWN' WITH NJ NATURAL GAS

Students from Dr. Carey's Principles of Emergency Management (HLS 286) class visited the New Jersey Natural Gas training center known as 'Safety Town' in Howell, NJ during the Spring 2024 semester. Students were greeted and received a series of short classes on subjects ranging from chemistry, gas delivery systems, fracking, emergency response to gas leaks, and neighborhood evacuation protocols. Students observed volunteer firefighters battling a fire caused by a controlled gas leak and watched their evaluation process. The firefighters' performance was evaluated based their ability to apply what they learned in the classroom to the fire pit prior to the student's arrival. Next, students were taken to the Incident Command Tactical Headquarters Vehicle and received a class on its purpose and how NJ Natural Gas interacts with first responders during emergencies. Finally, students were taken inside the main facility to experience a series of scenarios first responders are likely to encounter during a gas leak or fire situation using virtual reality technology. Students received immediate feedback in how they handled select situations after a brief demonstration by our host.



DR. GIUSEPPE M. FAZARI PRESENTS HIS RESEARCH AT THE GHANA JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM



DR. GIUSEPPE FAZARI WITH ATTENDEES OF THE GHANA JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Giuseppe Fazari presented at the Courthouse Security for Judicial Officers externship program included 16 hours of classroom instruction, as well as visitations to the Supreme Court of Ghana and Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Museum. The purpose of the program was to provide a cohort of approximately 35 judges information about the general trends related to court security; provide a primer on conducting a security audit and developing a plan; present an overview of security considerations in judicial protection; provide guidance on crisis management and emergency planning related to high profile trials, hostage situations, and workplace violence.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Professor Douglas Collier's Community Engagement and Policing graduate course partnered with Amerigo A. Anastasia Middle School in West Long Branch, NJ to present research on Internet and Social Media Safety to students and parents at the school, during the Fall 2023 semester.

Professor Douglas Collier and graduate student Angelina Esposito attended the FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training conference in Atlantic City, NJ, in October, 2023.

Dr. John Comiskey published a book chapter titled "Terrorism-A Wicked Problem" in *Terrorism, Hate, and Criminology*.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research "Homeland Security, The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth" at the The Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterrey, CA in February 2024.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research "Theoretical Pathways to Terrorism, Crime, and Mass Shootings" at the FEMA HiEd Conference in Emmitsburg, MD in June, 2024.

Dr. Giuseppe M. Fazari published an article titled "From Classroom to Courtroom: Engaging Today's Students to Become Tomorrow's Court Professionals" in *Trends in State Courts*.

Dr. Giuseppe M. Fazari co-authored a book titled "*Courting AI: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Courts*."

Dr. Giuseppe M. Fazari presented his research "Courthouse Confidential: Unveiling Lessons Learned in Leading and Managing Trial Court Organizations" at the International Association for Court Administration Annual Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October, 2023.

Dr. Meg Forney and **Dr. Brian Lockwood** each presented their research on a panel titled "Crisis Intervention Team Training: Preliminary Findings from New Jersey's Model" at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA in November, 2023.

Dr. Brian Lockwood co-authored an article with Ralph B. Taylor and Brian R. Wyant titled "Can streetblock 311 physical incivility call count shifts predict changing on-site conditions? Gauging ecological construct validity of 311 litter calls" in the *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

Dr. Brian Lockwood co-authored an article with Holly Harner and Brian R. Wyant titled "Denied, disrespected, doubted, and discarded: Women's criminal convictions and experiences of discrimination" in the *Midwest Social Sciences Journal*.

STUDENT INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE



This past summer, I had the privilege of serving as an undergraduate intern with the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender's Monmouth County Office. During my employment, I had ample opportunity to gain hands-on experience in both the investigatory and legal fields. This was reflected in the work I conducted, whether it was handling subpoenas for upcoming trials or utilizing my written skills to draft in-depth evaluations of both media and paper discoveries. There were also numerous shadowing opportunities with active public defenders that included accompanying attorneys to detention hearings at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution and attending criminal trials at the Monmouth County Courthouse.

When reflecting on this summer internship experience, I am both grateful for the skill set I developed and saddened to part ways with the exceptional team of investigators and attorneys that I had the pleasure of meeting along the way. The NJOPD provided me with ample opportunities to grow independently in the criminal law field, as well as learn the value of courtroom etiquette and procedure. I truly look forward to applying these experiences to my future professional endeavors.

This summer, I was given the opportunity to intern at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office in Bridgeton, New Jersey. I worked with multiple units inside the prosecutor's office including the trial unit, the senior trial unit, the juvenile unit, and the domestic violence unit. My daily responsibilities included organizing case documents, taking notes during court proceedings, summarizing police reports, and writing up fact sheets. Also, I had the chance to sit in on special victims interviews and proofread legal documents. This experience gave me an inside look at the legal process, from pre-trial motions to sentencing, and gave me a stronger understanding of the duties and challenges involved in prosecutorial work. The value of my internship with the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office was immeasurable. It deepened my understanding of the criminal justice system and sharpened my professional skills. By working with well-established prosecutors, I learned how to manage legal procedures, communicate effectively, and maintain confidentiality. The internship helped me build a professional network and also enhanced my confidence. Additionally, it made my career path clear, which encouraged me to think about law school as my next step. All things considered, this hands-on experience gave me a solid foundation for my future work in the field.

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