

# SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT



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## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our Department and to our programs in Criminal Justice, Cybercrime and Homeland Security, and Sociology!

We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments as you consider the University as your academic home for the next few years. But first, we would like to offer a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs:

- A flexible curriculum that allows students to take advantage of multiple outstanding internship opportunities for credit and encourages them to complete a minor or double major;
- Collaborations with the University's Chemistry Department (Forensic Chemistry major) and Business School (Forensic Accounting track and Business 5yr BS/MS program);
- Nationally and internationally known faculty with experience in the field;
- An active Criminal Justice Student Club that regularly brings in speakers, coordinates off-campus trips, and engages in community service;
- One of only nine criminal justice undergraduate programs in the United States to obtain certification from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- Our Center for the Analysis & Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) and the Cyber-Forensics and Cybersecurity Lab give students the chance to work with faculty and practitioners on research and skills that are pertinent to their future professional fields.
- A Catholic and Jesuit University that is based on a 450 year-old intellectual tradition that strives for excellence and cares for each and every student.

I hope you'll enjoy this newsletter. If I can be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me at [michael.jenkins@scranton.edu](mailto:michael.jenkins@scranton.edu).

Yours in Justice,  
Michael Jenkins, Ph.D, Chair

## Royal-Cyber Warriors



Our student Cybercrime Investigations team, known as Royal-Cyber Warriors, won 1st Place in the 2021 US Cybercrime Investigation Competition. Utica College hosted this event funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice. Ten universities from across the United States competed. "It was amazing to see the effort of our training pay off. It was even better to compete in something the three of us enjoy doing" said *Evan Chang*, pictured here with *Maria Mancuso*, *Andrew Huertas* and their faculty mentor, *Dr. Sinchul Back*.

### Criminal Justice

A degree in criminal justice at the University of Scranton can prepare you for a career in federal, state, and local law enforcement, community and institutional corrections or for advanced study in law, criminology, and public administration.

### Cybercrime & Homeland Security

Cybercrime is a serious threat to organizations around the world and the cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing everyday. Our program in Cybercrime and Homeland Security is designed to prepare you to meet the growing demand for evaluating and managing complex cybersecurity incidents and threats.

### Sociology

Sociology majors also have a strong background in writing, critical thinking, theory, and research. These skills, along with the understanding of the nuances of human interaction, are essential to a number of different occupations in areas such as: research, administration, public health, human services, business, counseling, corrections, law, politics, and public relations. Sociology majors also have a strong background in writing, critical thinking, theory, and research.

## Inaugural Cybercrime Investigation Camp



Area high school students took part in our inaugural Cyber Investigation Camp, held in our new Cyber-Forensics and Cybersecurity lab in July with a camp kickoff from Dean Maldonado, a site visit to the division of IT, and hands-on learning in cybercriminal profiling, cybersecurity countermeasures, cyber law and digital forensics investigation from our department faculty.

"One of the primary goals of our three-day camp is to have students who see the world of cybersecurity and cyber-investigation as open to them, and something that they can achieve as future professionals who want to give back to society in a way that is of interest to them," said Dr. Michael Jenkins, chair of the department.

## Alumni Spotlight



Patrick Mullane graduated from the University of Scranton in 2010 with a major in Criminal Justice. Patrick joined the New York City Police Department in July of 2010 and currently is a Sergeant in the Intelligence Bureau. Patrick previously served in the Midtown South and Midtown North Precincts as well as the Harbor Unit and Training Bureau. Patrick graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in March of 2020 with a Master's Degree in Homeland Security.

Sgt. Mullane serves on the board of the Michael Mulhall Foundation which is a charity that aids families with special needs children. The foundation was founded in memory of Michael Mulhall (Scranton 10<sup>th</sup>) who tragically passed away in a car accident. Michael was on his way to work where he served as a camp counselor for children with special needs.

Patrick is married to Meredith Truesdale Mullane (Scranton 10<sup>th</sup>) and they have a one-year-old daughter Mackenzie. Patrick described how the Criminal Justice program at Scranton provided him with the proper tools to start a career in law enforcement and prepared him to succeed in graduate school.

## Faculty

**Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich** has published an article with Dr. Nicole King of the University of Maryland Baltimore County entitled: "Building Together in Baltimore? Corporate Mega-Development and Coalitions for Community Power" in the journal *Urban Affairs Review* (2021). This article was based on Drs. Rich and King's two years of extensive qualitative research on a multi-billion waterfront development project and the community benefits agreement the developer and city made with the surrounding racially segregated communities of South Baltimore. Dr. Rich is currently collecting data in New Orleans during her sabbatical year, studying pandemic (and Hurricane Ida) effects on arts and cultural production in the city.

**Dr. Sinchul Back** moderated the 2021 White Hat Conference hosted by Boston University and the Department of Justice's Bureau Justice Assistance. He also published a preliminary edition of a book titled *Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigation*. Also, his research paper, "Cyber Place Management and Crime Prevention: The Effectiveness of Cybersecurity Awareness Training Against Phishing Attacks" has been published in the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. His manuscript entitled "Malware Infections in the US during the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Empirical Study" has been published in the *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime*. Dr. Back published a research paper titled "Journey to Cybercrime and Crime Opportunity: Quantitative Analysis of Cyber Offender Spatial Decision Making" in the *International Journal of Computer and Information Engineering*. Dr. Back recently presented a paper titled "Routine Activities Theoretical Perspective: A Case Study of Colonial Pipeline Ransomware" at the European Society of Criminology Conference.

**Dr. Mehmet F. Bastug** was named to the 100-member Certified Ethical Hacker Hall of Fame by the EC-Council, the International Council of E-Commerce Consultants. Founded in 2001, the EC-Council is the world's leading global cybersecurity certification body. The 2021 Hall of Fame celebrates some of the most accomplished Certified Ethical Hackers (CEHs) around the world. Dr. Bastug has recently published two opinion articles, *Rethinking Cybersecurity After Colonial Pipeline Hack* and *Cyber Evolution of Terrorist Groups* at Orion Policy Institute. He also co-authored an article, *Fear of Terrorism and Fear of Violent Crimes in the United States: A Comparative Analysis*, in *Crime and Delinquency* with Dr. Ismail Onat.

**Dr. Michael Jenkins** was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors for *Cypress House*, which focuses on serving the needs of individuals returning from prison and their families. Their inaugural program—a bakery run by people who were formerly incarcerated—will be modeled on Fr. Greg Boyle's *Homeboy Industries*, based in Los Angeles. Dr. Jenkins is also a newly-elected member of the executive committee for the board of directors of *Alpha Sigma Nu—The Jesuit Honor Society*.

### *Alpha Phi Sigma* The National Criminal Justice Honor Society: 2020-2021 Inductees

Megan Crocco  
Sarah Kalada  
Kira Livezey

Serena Mancini  
Brea Rutledge  
Kayla Stubits

### *Alpha Kappa Delta* International Honor Society for Sociology: 2020-2021 Inductees

Kira Livezey

Kayla Stubits

## Internship Opportunities

- U.S. Marshals
- DEA
- Retreat (PA State Prison)
- Scranton City Police
- Bergen County Sheriff's Dept.
- U.S. Secret Service
- Office of Local Judges
- County Probation (Juvenile and Adult)
- Numerous Law Firms
- FBI Summer Program
- J.P. Morgan
- District Attorneys Office
- Dunmore Police Department
- Lackawanna County Police & Sheriff's Department

## Where are our Alumni?

- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- FBI - Counterterrorism
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Private security analysts
- Local & state police and corrections departments
- Federal corrections
- Public defenders office
- Private defense attorneys

