



**Annual Report 2021-22**  
**Department of Justice Studies**  
**San José State University**



## **Introduction**

In the academic calendar, the arrival of Spring marks the end of the year. It is a time for celebrating achievement and the Department of Justice Studies has a lot to celebrate. Our students have completed degrees, earned honors, received scholarships, and won awards. We are proud of Kelly Prashar, named SJSU's Outstanding Graduating Senior for 2022. She received one of only two of these awards given to 7,500 Spring graduates across the university.

Our faculty have delivered excellent degree programs, given invited presentations, and provided interviews for news stories; faculty have assisted organizations, published research, and secured grant funding. Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team acquired more than \$1.3 million for the Record Clearance Project this year, with more grant applications pending.

The end of the academic year is also a time of transition. Graduates leave us to begin careers, or continue their study in law school or graduate school. We will lose some faculty colleagues as well. Professor Steven Lee, the founder of our forensic science program, has retired after two decades at SJSU. See Mary Juno's interview with him in the Spring 2022 issue of *Themis*.

We completed a search for new faculty, and next year, we will welcome two new assistant professors. Justin Strong, a PhD candidate in Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California-Irvine, will join us in January 2023. Andrea Martinez, with a PhD in Criminal Justice from the John Jay College, City University of New York, will join us in August 2023. During 2022-23, she has a post-doctoral research fellowship to study Chicano gang members deported from Santa Barbara, California, to Tijuana, Mexico.

Finally, the end of the academic year is a time of reflection, for thinking about the year ahead and making plans. During 2021-22, we started our five-year review of programs. We completed our self-study in December, and had a visit from our external reviewer in May. Madelaine Adelman, associate professor of Justice and Social Inquiry at Arizona State University, helped us advance our programs and extend opportunities.

And, speaking of next year, we will be celebrating twenty years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science at SJSU. In 2003, the Department changed its name from Administration of Justice to Justice Studies, and started the program in Forensic Science. We will announce several events to mark these anniversaries and hope you will be able to join us.

Paul Knepper  
Professor and Chair  
June 2022

## Student Honors

*The Honors Convocation at SJSU each Spring recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement. To be recognized as a President's Scholar, a student must have a 4.0 GPA for the Fall or Spring semester prior to graduation. To be recognized as a Dean's Scholar, a student must have a GPA of 3.65 or higher in at least two contiguous semesters.*

In May 2022, SJSU Interim President Steve Perez recognized 85 graduating seniors from the Department of Justice Studies as President's Scholars: 8 in Forensic Science-Biology, 7 in Forensic Science-Chemistry, 2 in Forensic Science-Digital Evidence, 23 in Justice Studies, and 44 in Justice Studies-Criminology.

There were 299 Dean's Scholars from the Department of Justice Studies: 26 in Forensic Science-Biology, 18 in Forensic Science-Chemistry, 2 in Forensic Science-Digital Evidence, 98 in Justice Studies, and 155 in Justice Studies-Criminology.

## SJSU Outstanding Student



On May 25, 2022, Interim President Steve Perez recognized Kelly Prashar as SJSU Outstanding Graduating Senior at the College of Social Sciences commencement ceremony. A major in Justice Studies, Kelly was active in the leadership of Alpha Phi Sigma, the Pre-Law Society, and the South Asian Students Association. She was a legal intern at the Record Clearance Project, and during her senior year, a teacher's assistant for Hal Peterson. She was also active in the community, working with organizations including Project Read and the Sikh Pre-College Network. Natalie Birthelmer nominated Kelly for this award.

## Scholarships

Each year, the Department of Justice Studies awards a number scholarships, made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends. The 2022 Scholarships Committee, chaired by Janet Hagemann, made awards to several students.

- The Paula Stone Hubbell Endowment Scholarship was awarded to Kapil Sharma and Hannah Henry; each recipient received \$1500.
- The Daniel P. Lomio Memorial Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to Patricia Advincula.
- The Willard 'Huck' Schmidt Memorial Scholarship of \$2000 was awarded to Hannah Henry.
- The Kristofer Boaz Claspill Memorial Scholarship of \$5000 was awarded to Joseph D'Angelo.
- The Jeffrey Fontana Memorial Scholarship of \$2000 was awarded to Hivanna Prado.
- The Simpson-Silva Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Emily Dang.
- The Shelby B. Brewer Memorial Scholarship of \$2500 was awarded to Jaslina Gonzalez.
- Three students received an award from the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarship endowment: Ryan Kwong, \$1500; Hivanna Prado, \$1500; and Emily Dang, \$1000.
- The Teresa Edel Memorial Scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to Samantha Bowman.

The California Association of Criminalists (CAC) provides scholarship funds for student research based on applications made by Forensic Science programs in the state. This year, Mark Barash secured \$6000 for SJSU enabling the Scholarships Committee to make two awards.

- Chloë Angst received \$3000 for ‘The Taphonomy of Homelessness in an Outdoor Urban Environment’; Jodie Warren, supervisor.
- Niraj Pandkar received \$3000 for ‘Developing a Machine Learning Pipeline for Prediction of Externally Visible Traits from a DNA Sample’; Mark Barash, supervisor.

### Student Activities

Emily Y. Dang received a \$1000 student RSCA Grant from the College of Social Sciences for her project, ‘Predicting the Visual Characteristics of a Person from a DNA Sample’; Mark Barash, supervisor.

Rowan Dunton served as a managing editor for volume 10 of *Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*, Spring 2022.

Several students assisted with interview research for the San Jose Community Survey led by Wilson Yuan: Patricia Advincula, Megan Aikawa, Janet Arias, Antonio Cardona, Melissa Hoang, Kimberly Kapelson, Carmen Marquez, Melissa Rodriguez, and Maria Soresca.

### Student Clubs

The Department of Justice Studies is home to the Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (APS), the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. The honor society aims to make a difference on our campus, in our

community, and in our society. APS members promote academic excellence, leadership, unity, and community service. Members of the Iota chapter have the opportunity to participate in the national APS conference, held in conjunction with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. Dina Kameda is the faculty advisor; Hal Peterson, assistant faculty advisor. The student officers for 2021-22 were Michelle Lujan, president; Kelly Prashar, treasurer; Yvette Ramos, public relations.



Chi Pi Sigma (CPS) is a co-educational, criminal justice fraternity established at SJSU in 1935. The fraternity provides members with social, professional and educational skills, and networks needed for success in the field of criminal justice. Sheree Martinek is the faculty advisor. The student officers for 2021-22 were Brianna Placencia Rivera, president; Caroline Ma, vice president; Henry Quintana Fernandez, secretary; Jose M. Salinas, treasurer.

Forensic Science Students (FSS) is an undergraduate student group for any major interested in forensic science. FSS serves as a peer network for advising and seeks to connect students with forensic science professionals. The club has assisted many forensic science organizations, such as the California Association of Criminalists (CAC) and American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS), to promote forensic science activities in the Bay Area. Shawna Bolton is the faculty advisor. The student officers for 2021-22 were Emily Y. Dang, president; Sanjana Sathyanarayanan, vice president; Christopher Padua, treasurer; and Mikayla Yee, public relations.

Revolutionaries Overpowering the System Through Education (ROSE), a group to support formerly-incarcerated students, gained SJSU recognition in October 2021. Edith Kinney is faculty advisor. Yeab Kebede served as president; Gabriela Solorzano, treasurer.

### Graduate Student Publications



Westlake, B; Brewer, R; Swearington, T; Ross, A; Petterson, S; Michalski, D; Hole, M; Logos, K; Frank, R; Bright, D; Afana, E (2022) 'Developing Automated Methods to Detect and Match Face and Voice Biometrics in Child Abuse Sex Videos' *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice* 648: 1-15.

Enrique Guerra and Bryce Westlake (2021) 'Detecting Child Sexual Abuse Images: Traits of Child Sexual Exploitation Hosting and Displaying Websites,' *Child Abuse & Neglect* 122: 1-8.

Lin, H.Y.; Moh, T.S., and Westlake, B. (2021) 'Gun Violence News Information Retrieval using BERT as Sequencing Tagging Task' Pp. 2525-2531 in *2021 IEEE International Conference on Big Data*. Orlando, December 15-18.

Wilson Yuan, Claudio Vera Sanchez and Clarissa Punla (2022) 'Procedural Justice, Neighbourhood Context, and Domestic Violence Reporting Intention Among Subgroups and Immigrants' *Police & Society* (in press).

### Graduate Student Honors & Awards

Anamaria Arias-Ixta received the 2021 Aris Anagos Graduate Student Scholarship for Human Rights Research from SJSU's Human Rights Institute.

Andrea Sosa Castro, Francesa Fanucchi, and Daniella Corpuz received graduate student assistantships from the Department of Justice Studies during Spring Semester 2022.

### Graduate Student Presentations

Avra Rossman co-presented a paper with Jodie Warren, 'Characteristics and Attitudes of U.S. Residents who Oppose Gun Control' at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, March 2022.

On April 14, 2022, SJSU's College of Graduate Studies hosted the Grand Slam competition at which students present thesis research.

- Niraj Pandkar was a Finalist for his presentation, 'Predicting Externally Visible Traits from a DNA Sample'; Mark Barash, advisor.
- Francesca Fanucchi was a Semi-Finalist for her presentation, 'Promotion of Extremist Ideologies with Online Incel Communities'; Bryce Westlake, advisor.
- Liliana Gomez was a Semi-Finalist for her presentation, 'The Price They Pay: Exploring the Detrimental Effects of Gentrification on its Most Vulnerable Population'; Alessandro De Giorgi, advisor.



Francesca Fanucchi gave an oral presentation, 'Promotion of Extremist Ideologies within Online Incel Communities', at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 2021.

Enrique Guerra gave an oral presentation, 'Analysis of Child Sexual Abuse Website Structure on the Surface and Dark Web', at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 2021.

Allyson Cruz Galan made a presentation entitled 'The Experiences of Transgender People who Navigate the Criminal Justice System' at the Dean's Student Symposium, College of Social Sciences, in April 2022.

Four students made presentations at the Department of Justice Studies Graduate Student Showcase event on May 12, 2022, organized by Ericka Adams:

- Riley Agerbeek, 'Mentoring At-Risk Youth: How Student-Athletes are Inspiring the Next Generation of Spartans'; advisor: Claudio Vera Sanchez.
- Liliana Gomez, 'The Price They Pay: Exploring the Detrimental Effects of Neoliberal Housing Policies on its Socially Vulnerable Populations'; advisor: Alessandro De Giorgi.
- Prabhjit Hira, 'Prisoner Reentry: The Harsh Realities Faced by Previously Incarcerated Women'; advisor, Alessandro De Giorgi.
- Nijah Lord, 'Institutional Failures: The Impact of Structural Racism on Black Maternal Mortality in California'; advisor, Ericka Adams.

### **Graduate Student Activities**

Allyson Cruz Galan received a Student RSCA Grant, Fall 2021, from the College of Social Sciences for 'The Experiences of Transgendered People Navigating the Criminal Justice System'; Bryce Westlake, supervisor.

Isabella Mahan received a student RSCA Grant, Spring 2022, from the College of Social Sciences, for 'Exploring Content Control and Personal Boundaries among Online Sex-Related Content Producers'; Bryce Westlake, supervisor.

Isabella Mahan will be a research assistant during Summer 2022 on a research project entitled 'Analyzing the Motivations, Benefits and Experiences of BDSM Participants' led by Bryce Westlake.

Isabella Mahan served as a managing editor for volume 10 of *Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*, Spring 2022.

Clarissa Punla has been accepted into the PhD program in Criminology, Law & Society at the University of California-Irvine.

### **Faculty Awards & Recognition**

Halima Kazem-Stojanovic received the 2020-21 Faculty Award from SJSU's Human Rights Institute for her contributions to building human rights as a vibrant field at the university.

Steven Lee has been named Professor Emeritus of Forensic Science.

Steven Lee received a Communicator's Award of Distinction, online/remote events section, from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts for the 2022 CSI/Forensic Science Camp.

Stephen J. Morewitz was named a 2021 Bonner Fellow by the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, Princeton, NJ.



Susie Rivera was elevated to Lecturer LB.

Greg Woods was elevated to Lecturer LB.

Yue (Wilson) Yuan was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor.

### **Faculty Presentations**

Ericka Adams was a member of the Winter Leadership Institute Legal Rights Panel (online) hosted by SJSU's Institute for Public Affairs and Engagement, January 2022.

Alessandro De Giorgi was the invited speaker for the British Society of Criminology/Mannheim Centre for Criminology seminar (online) at the London School of Economics and Political Science on February 1, 2022. He spoke on the topic of 'Prisoner Reentry and Neoliberalism'.

Alessandro De Giorgi was invited to give the Raymond Sr. and Angela Michalowski Memorial Lecture at the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona University, March 23, 2022.

John Halushka organized a thematic session on 'Law and Injustice: Can Law Repair the Harms of Systemic Racism' at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (online), August 2021.

John Halushka and Brandon Miller presented 'Reimagining Reentry: Toward a Social Justice Model of Service Provision' at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (online), 2021.

Grace Howard presented 'Medical Cops: How the Criminalization of Pregnancy Turns Healthcare Providers into Law Enforcement' at the National Women's Studies Association Conference (online), November 2021.

Grace Howard was a member of a Reader-Meets-Author Panel Discussion on 'Controlling Women' at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, March 2022.

Grace Howard was an invited guest lecturer for the Women and Politics course at Western Washington University, April 2022.

Grace Howard was an invited guest lecturer for the Introduction to Criminal Justice course at Francis Marion University, March 2022.

Grace Howard participated in a Teach-In on Reproductive Justice hosted by SJSU's Gender Equity Center, Fall 2021.

Sang Kil presented 'The Unbearable Whiteness of Seeing: How Whiteness as Neoliberalism Promotes Racism in News Coverage of Trump's "Travel Ban"', at the Law & Society Association conference, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon, July 2022.

Paul Knepper presented 'Jeremy Bentham and Criminological Theory in Historical Criminology' at the British Crime Historians Symposium (online), University of Leeds, September 2021.

Paul Knepper presented 'Sisters in Criminology: Women who Founded Criminology in the Early Twentieth Century' at the European Society of Criminology annual meeting (online), September, 2021.

Paul Knepper presented 'Haunting Memories: Race and Gender at the San José Police School 1930-1964' at Captured by the Past: Monuments, Conflicts and Law Workshop (online) hosted by the Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, Belgium, January 2022.



Taglia, F., Fernandez-Tejero, N., Wang, L., Setzer, C., McCord, B., & Lee, S. B. 'Development of a Microwave Method to Improve Rapid-direct PCR Analysis of Forensic Samples'; poster presentation (online) at the Annual Global Forensic Justice Center Symposium, June 2022.

Tolces, R., Ghemrawi, M., Lee, S. B., & McCord, B. 'Analyzing Epigenetic Body Fluid ID using Waste with Novel Recovery Strategies'; poster presentation (online) at the Annual Global Forensic Justice Center Symposium, June 2022.

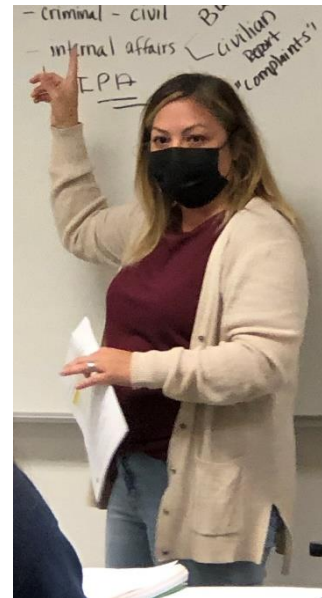
Fernandez-Tejero, N., Taglia, F., Wang, L., Setzer, C., O'Brien, R., Lothridge, K., ... Lee, S. B. presented 'Microwave Pre-Processing for Enhanced Rapid DNA Analysis of Forensic Samples' at the Annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, February 2022.



Fernandez-Tejero, N., Taglia, F., Wang, L., Setzer, C., O'Brien, R., Lothridge, K., ... Lee, S. B. 'Microwave Pre-Processing for Enhanced Rapid DNA Analysis of Forensic Samples'; poster presentation (online) at the Royal Society of Chemistry, 2021

Setzer, C., Fernandez-Tejero, N., Taglia, F., Wang, L., O'Brien, R., Lothridge, K., ... Lee, S. B. Presented 'Microwave pre-processing for Enhanced Rapid DNA Analysis of Forensic Samples' at the Annual International Symposium on Human Identification, Orlando, 2021.

Stephen J. Morewitz was president/discussant of a panel on the Sociology of Health and Illness at the annual meeting (online) of the California Sociological Association, November 2021.



Stephen J. Morewitz was president/discussant of a panel on Crime and Delinquency at the annual meeting (online) of the California Sociological Association, November 2021.

Stephen J. Morewitz will be president/discussant of a panel on Gender, Sexuality and the Law at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, August 2022.

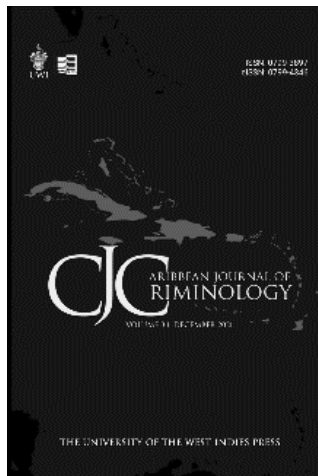
Stephen J. Morewitz will present 'Gender, Relationships and Radicalization among January 6 Capitol Riot Participants' at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Los Angeles, August 2022.

Bryce Westlake gave an invited presentation on 'Developing Tools to Detect and Combat Sexual Abuse' at the Stretton Institute and Australian Institute of Criminology, February 23, 2022.

Bryce Westlake and Russell Brewer gave an invited presentation on 'Developing Automated Methods to Detect and Match Face and Voice Biometrics in Child Sexual Abuse Videos' at the United Nations 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, May 16-20, 2022.

Yue (Wilson) Yuan presented 'Understanding the Threat of Victimization Across Immigrant Generations: Does the Quality of Social Ties Matter?' at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, February 2022.

## Faculty Publications



Adams, Ericka; Morris, PK and Maguire, ER (2022) 'Interrupting Gang Violence in Urban Trinidad through Conflict Mediation' *Caribbean Journal of Criminology* (in press).

Yoko Baba, James Lee and Michael Vallerga (2021). 'Study on Exploring Family Multi-type Maltreatment, Social Support, and Externalizing and Internalizing Problems Among Asian and Asian American College Students' pp 95-113 in Bakare K. Kayode, ed, *Selected Topics in Humanities and Social Science*. Bengal, India: BP International.

McNevin, D., Wright, K., Barash, M. Gomes, S., Jamison, A., and Chaseling, J. (2021) 'Proposed Framework for Comparison of Continuous Probabilistic Genotyping Systems Amongst Different Laboratories' *Forensic Sciences* 1(1): 33-45.

Prasad, E., Atwood, L., van Oorchot, R.A.H., McNevin, D., Barash, M., and Raymond, J. (2022) 'Trace DNA Recovery Rates from Firearms and Ammunition as Revealed by Casework Data' *Australian Journal of Forensic Science* (in press).

Prasad, E; Hitchcock; Raymond, J; Cole, A; Barash, M; McNevin, D; and van Oorchot, R.A.H. (2022) 'Touch DNA Recovery From Unfired and Fired Cartridges: Comparison of Swabbing, Tape Lifting and Soaking' *Forensic Science International* (in press).

Alessandro de Giorgi, (2021) 'Punishment'. Pp. 212-231 in Skeggs, B; Farris, SR; Toscano, A and Bromberg, S, eds, *The Sage Handbook of Marxism*. London: Sage.

Tejero, N; Ghemrawi, M; McCord, B; and Lee, S (2022) 'DNA Extraction Methods in Forensic Analysis' Pp. in *Encyclopedia of Analytical Chemistry: Applications, Theory and Instrumentation*. Hoboken; NJ: Wiley.

Paul Knepper (2021) 'Cesare Lombroso: An Unconventional Biography' pp 53-69 in Stefano Sandrone and Lorenzo Lorusso, eds, *The Birth of Modern Neuroscience in Turin*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Paul Knepper (2021) Review of *Central Prison: A History of North Carolina's State Penitentiary* by Gregory S. Taylor. In *Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books/Rutgers Online Review Journal*. December.

Paul Knepper (2022) 'The League of Nations, Traffic in Women and the Transnationalization of Criminal Law' *Rechtsgeschichte—Legal History: Journal of the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory* (in press).

Hunter Boehme, Allison Martin, and Robert Kaminski (2021). 'Evaluating the 4th Circuit's Decision to Limit Officer Use of Tasers: A Descriptive and Time-Series Approach' *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal* (in press).

Allison Martin and Robert Kaminski (2021). 'On the Relationship Between Social Disorganization and Police Coercive Action(s) in the New York City Police Department' *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, 22(1), 1095-1114.

Stephen J. Morewitz (2022) *Forensic Social Sciences*. San Diego: Cognella Publishing (in press).

Paulino, M; Marques, P; Rodrigues, P; and Morewitz, S. (2022) ‘Contributions of Psychological Science for Law Enforcement Agencies on Response to Domestic Violence’ pp 205-242 in Marques, P and Paulino, M, eds, *Police Psychology: New Trends in Forensic Psychological Science*. London: Elsevier Academic Press.

Claudio Vera Sanchez and Eduardo L. Portillos. (2021) ‘Insiders and Observers: Latino Researchers Navigating the Study of Police’ *Race and Justice: An International Journal* 11 (4): 384-406.

Wilson Yuan, Claudio Vera Sanchez and Clarissa Punla (2022) ‘Procedural Justice, Neighbourhood Context, and Domestic Violence Reporting Intention Among Subgroups and Immigrants’ *Police & Society* (in press).



## Faculty Activities

Roni Abusaad received a \$500 stipend from SJSU’s Sustainability in the Curriculum initiative to promote community awareness of sustainability.

Ericka Adams co-chaired the Division of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology (ASC), 2021-22.

Ericka Adams organized ‘Public Scholarship: Critical Race Theory and Criminal Justice’, a panel (online) hosted by the Division of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology, and the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois Chicago, March 2022.

Ericka Adams organized ‘Being Bold and Fearless: Advancing Public Scholarship that is “Controversial”’, a panel (online) hosted by the Division of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology, and the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois Chicago, April 2022.

Ericka Adams served on the editorial board of *Race and Justice: An International Journal*.

Ericka Adams served on the editorial board of *Punishment and Society: The International Journal of Penology*.

Ericka Adams was invited to join the second cohort of Faculty Public Voices Fellowships at SJSU, part of a national initiative of the OpEd Project, 2021-2022.



Mark Barash served on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Forensic Sciences*.

Mark Barash served on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Genetics and Genomics*.

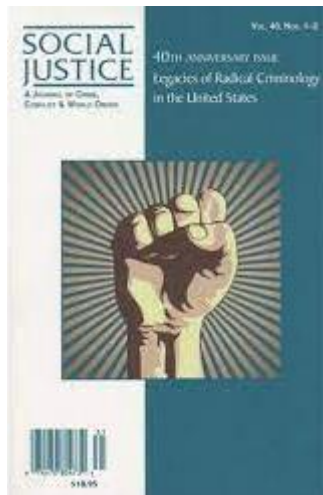
Mark Barash supervised two students who completed the PhD at the Centre for Forensic Science, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

Shawna Bolton served on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Missing Persons*.

Shawna Bolton served on the editorial board for the *International Journal of Forensic Social Sciences*.

Shawna Bolton will be collaborating with Maureen Lowell and the Training Institute for Strangulation Prevention in San Diego to investigate suspicious deaths in domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

Alessandro De Giorgi served as editor-in-chief of *Punishment & Society: The International Journal of Penology*.



Alessandro De Giorgi served on the editorial board for *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict and World Order*.

Alessandro De Giorgi taught 'Punishment, Culture and Society' a course in the Legal Studies program at the University of California-Berkeley, Summer 2022.

John Halushka was vice-chair of the Law and Society Division of Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

John Halushka chaired the 2021 Edwin Sutherland Book Award Committee, Law & Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

John Halushka chaired the 2021 Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition Award Committee, Law & Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

John Halushka reviewed manuscripts for *American Sociological Review* and *Law & Social Inquiry*.

Grace Howard reviewed a book manuscript for Taylor & Francis, Fall 2021.

Mary Juno served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Forensic Science Education*.

Sang Kil served as a member of the organizational board of the California Scholars for Academic Freedom.

Sang Kil is a member of the Cops Off Campus Coalition, an Abolition Network to Get Cops Off Campus and Cops Off the Planet.

Sang Kil chaired the Anti-Racism and Social Justice Transformation Committee at SJSU, a committee of the California Faculty Association's Council for Racial and Social Justice, 2021-22.

Sang Kil served as the San Jose Chapter Representative for the California Faculty Association, Spring 2022.

Sang Kil received sabbatical leave during Fall 2021 to pursue research into journalistic accounts of All Lives Matter, the Border Wall and the Muslim travel ban.



Edith Kinney served as the Legal Action Arm Coordinator for SJSU's Human Rights Institute, 2021-22.

Halima Kazem-Stojanovic organized a presentation in conjunction with SJSU's Human Rights Institute for visiting scholars from Afghanistan to share about their research in the USA (May 11, 2022).

Halima Kazem-Stojanovic was invited to participate in a panel discussion hosted by the Media Studies Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, October 14, 2021, on the threat posed by the Taliban to media in Afghanistan.

Paul Knepper joined SJSU's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion working group—the JEDI Roundtable, 2021-22.

Paul Knepper served on the advisory board of *Crime, Historie & Sociétés/Crime, History and Societies* journal.

Paul Knepper taught *Historie de la pensée criminologique*, 'The History of Criminological Thinking', on the Master of Law program in Criminology and Security at the School of Criminal Sciences, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, March 2022.

Paul Knepper reviewed submissions for *Criminology*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and the *Journal of the History of International Law*.

Paul Knepper served on the recruiting committee for the chief of police, San José State University Police Department, Fall 2021.

Steven Lee was elected to serve as a peer reviewer for the 2022 National Institute of Justice Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes.

Steven Lee served as co-chair of the Gordon Research Conference on Forensic Analysis of DNA, West Dover, Vermont, June 2022.

Steven Lee was a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) DNA Consensus Group Standards Board.

Steven Lee was an affiliate member of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science, Digital Multimedia, Facial Identification Subcommittee.

Steven Lee served as director of the 2021 and 2022 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Forensic Science Educators' Conferences.

Steven Lee served as director of the 2021 and 2022 Virtual Forensic Science/CSI Camps, sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Science.

Kevin Lynch served as board member and secretary of the Bay Area Black Journalists Association.

Kevin Lynch was facilitating faculty for SJSU's Institute of Sport, Society and Social Change. He helped organize the SSSC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, held in October 20-22, 2021, and co-hosted a panel on diversity, equity and inclusion for university sports administrators.

Stephen J. Morewitz served as the editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Missing Persons*.

Stephen J. Morewitz served as the editor-in-chief of *The Forensic Social Scientist*, newsletter of the Forensic Social Sciences Association.

Stephen J. Morewitz served as the editor-in chief of the *International Journal of Forensic Social Sciences*.

Stephen J. Morewitz received an SJSU Course Development Award to build a social action component for his JS 185 Special Topics - Forensic Social Science course.

Stephen J. Morewitz served as an educational consultant to Barnes & Noble, May 2022.

Judith Randle received a \$500 stipend from the SJSU's Sustainability in the Curriculum program to promote community awareness of sustainability.



Claudio Vera Sanchez served on the Santa Clara County Hate Crime Prevention Task Force, 2021-22.

Claudio Vera Sanchez served on the recruiting committee for the chief of police, San José State University Police Department, Fall 2021.

Claudio Vera Sanchez was selected for the second cohort of Faculty Public Voices Fellowships at SJSU, part of a national initiative of the OpEd Project, 2021-2022.

Claudio Vera Sanchez served on the editorial board for the *International Journal of Forensic Social Sciences*.

Jodie Warren served on SJSU President Mary Papazian's Native American Task Force, Fall 2021.

Jodie Warren served as vice president of GAIN, Gathering of Academic Indigenous and Native Americans, a group for Indigenous and Native American faculty and staff at SJSU.

Jodie Warren served on the the editorial board for the *International Journal of Missing Persons*.

Greg Woods gave a series of training seminars to the City of Vallejo Police Department on ‘Engagement, Education, and Community’.

Greg Woods gave a presentation entitled ‘Current Political and Social Climate’ to members of the City of Vallejo Police Department.

Greg Woods developed and presented ‘Through the Smoke: Legal Trends and Gun Violence’ for the Center for Continuing Education, Monterey.

### **Faculty Research & Grant Activity**

Ericka Adams was awarded \$65,492 from Santa Clara University/New Venture Fund (June 2021) to support the ‘New Venture Fund Clean Slate Initiative’ at SJSU.

Ericka Adams submitted a proposal (August 2021) to the National Science Foundation for a project entitled ‘Creating Policy Solutions to Social Problems’ \$394,250.

Mark Barash received an RSCA Seed Grant of \$7,500 (April 2021) from SJSU’s Office of Research to support his research on ‘Predicting Facial Appearance from a DNA Sample for Law Enforcement Applications’.



Mark Barash received an equipment grant from SJSU eCampus for the development of a virtual CSI project (\$8,500).

Mark Barash was awarded a Douglas M. Lucas grant (October 2021) from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (\$6000) for a project entitled ‘Developing a Machine Learning Pipeline for Prediction of Human Visual Appearance from a DNA Sample’.

Mark Barash received a University Grants Academy award for Spring 2022 from SJSU’s Office of Research, Division of Research and Innovation.

Mark Barash and Jeremiah Garrido organized a donation of lab equipment from the Santa Clara County Crime Laboratory for the Forensic Science Program. The equipment (Tecan Evo 150 liquid handling station—worth \$100,000) arrived on-campus in February 2022.

Mark Barash secured a scholarship grant of \$6000 (May 2022) from the California Association of Criminalists’ McLaughlin Endowment to support student research in Forensic Science.

Mark Barash received \$15,000 (May 2022) from the California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) for his proposal entitled ‘Biological Criminalistics New Course Development’.



Shawna Bolton submitted a proposal (June 2021) to the U.S. Department of Justice for a project entitled ‘A Bio-molecular Investigation of Postmortem Articular Cartilage and its Potential Forensic Applications: Estimating Late-Phase Postmortem Interval and Victim Identification’ \$1,465, 931.

Sarah Caliguiri, Andrew Perera, Megan Siasosi and Paul Knepper submitted a proposal (October 2021) to the Spencer Foundation for a workshop entitled “Tribal and State Justice Symposium”. \$50,000.

Judith Randle was awarded an 2022-23 SJSU RSCA Seed Grant from the Office of

Research for her project, ‘Incarcerated Labor in the Era of Climate Change’.

Judith Randle received (May 2022) a Faculty Summer Research Grant from SJSU’s Human Rights Institute (\$3040) for ‘Research on the Impacts of AB 2147’.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$25,000 (August 2021) from Santa Clara County for Record Clearance Project legal services work furthering the racial justice goal of clearing records of people of color disproportionately impacted by arrest, conviction and sentencing.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$30,000 from California ChangeLawyers (December 2021) for ‘SJSU Record Clearance Project: Leadership Pathways’, a project to increase diversity within the legal profession in California.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$744,445 (August 2021) from Santa Clara County for ‘San Jose University Research Foundation: (sjsurf) Service Navigation’ to hire former clients to guide people as they leave custody.



Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$15,000 (January 2022) to support the Record Clearance Project for three years from the Castellano Family Foundation to provide leadership opportunities for Latinx and other students of color in providing community legal services.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$100,000 (February 2022) from Santa Clara County ‘San Jose State University Research Foundation (sjsurf) Parole Grant’ 2021-22 to hire former clients to guide people referred by the county’s Parole Reentry Court.



Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team received \$449,988 (May 2022) from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for 'The Record Clearance Project (RCP) at San José State University' to provide support for legal services work for three years.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team applied for \$750,000 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections, Warm Handoff and Reentry Services sub-proposal, for funding the Record Clearance Project Service Navigation Program.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team submitted a proposal for \$300,000 to AccessLex of the American Bar Association to promote diversity in the California bar.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP team submitted a proposal for \$15,000 to Santa Clara County for a pilot program to increase digital literacy in applying for jobs for the Record Clearance Project Service Navigation program.

Jodie Warren submitted a proposal (July 2021) to the National Science Foundation RUI FASED program for a project entitled 'Age-related changes in spectral signatures of blood stains'. \$618,669.

Bryce Westlake received \$7,450 in April 2022 from SJSU's Office of Research 2022-23 RSCA Seed Grant Program for his project 'Analyzing the Motivations, Benefits and Experiences of BDSM Participants'

Bryce Westlake received a contract (\$271,540 aud) from the Australian Institute of Criminology for "Advancing Child Sexual Abuse Victim and Perpetrator Identification Using Biometrics" (February 2022).

Bryce Westlake received a grant (\$50,000 aud) from the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre for "Examining the Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Using Automated Data Collection Technologies to Combat Cyber Threats in Australia" (November 2021).

Wilson Yuan and Edward Cohen submitted a proposal (June 2021) to Fresh Lifelines for Youth for a project entitled 'Law-Related Education to Build Protective Factors' \$221,159.

Wilson Yuan received \$1300 from NORC at the University of Chicago for a project entitled 'Methods to Cost Crime Victimization: Statistical Modelling with Integrated and Survey Data to Comprehensively Measure Harm'.

Gil Zamora started a research project entitled 'Gathering Cognitive Evidence with Eyewitness Interviews' with data from the San José Police Department.

### **Faculty Making News**

Adams, Ericka published an OpEd entitled 'Sure, California Will Clear Your Criminal Record—If You Live in the Right Place', *San Francisco Chronicle*, December 8, 2021.

Mark Barash was quoted in a *USA Today* (February 23, 2022) story about police use of victims' DNA, 'Rape Survivors, Child Victims, Consensual Sex Partners: San Francisco Police have Used DNA from all of Them for 7 Years'.

Mark Barash was quoted in a *USA Today* (March 2, 2022) follow-up story about police use of victims' DNA, 'San Francisco Police Vow to Stop Using Victims' DNA, Then Kept Doing It'.

Halima Kazem. 'Afghanistan: Taliban Abuses Cause Widespread Fear' *Human Rights Watch* Sept 23, 2021.

Grace Howard was interviewed for an article entitled 'Roe v Wade in Serious Peril After Dramatic Supreme Court Arguments' in the *Huffington Post* Dec 1, 2021 and *Yahoo News* Dec 2, 2021.

Grace Howard was interviewed (December 9, 2021) about the U.S. Supreme Court and Roe v. Wade for *Marianne*, a French publication.



Grace Howard appeared on *Zerlina Show*, Peacock TV, Feb 2022.

Grace Howard was quoted in a *Huffington Post* article (February 10, 2022) on Oklahoma's consideration of a database for pregnant people.

Grace Howard was interviewed on *News 1 Texas 'Capital Tonight'* about the implications of the Dobbs leak, May 11, 2022.

Grace Howard was interviewed by the Slovenian Press Agency about the implications of the Dobbs leak, May 11, 2022.

Grace Howard was quoted in 'Making News Murder' *U.S. News & World Report* May 6, 2022.

Grace Howard was quoted in 'The Growing Criminalization of Pregnancy' *New Republic* May 5, 2022.

Grace Howard was interviewed in 'Birth Control and Gay Marriage Could be Next if Roe v. Wade Falls' *VICE News*, May 4, 2022.

Grace Howard was interviewed about the Dobbs leak for *Zerlina Show*, Peacock TV, and MSNBC, February 11, 2022.

Grace Howard was interviewed in 'Texans Split on Overturning Roe, Support for Six-week Ban in New Abortion Law' *Dallas Morning News* February 21, 2022.

Grace Howard was interviewed by KTVU-TV (May 14, 2022) about the panel discussion she organized on the U.S. Supreme Court and Roe v. Wade, 'SJSU Panel Discussion on Abortion and Reproductive Law: Interview with Prof Grace Howard'

Sang Kil was interviewed by *The Electronic Intifada* for a story (October 6, 2021) entitled 'SFSU and Zoom Undermine Palestinians and Academic Freedom'.

Stephen J. Morewitz was interviewed a *USA Today* (November 1, 2021) story entitled 'America's Public Servants are Being Terrorized with Death Threats. The "Emotional Toll" is Lasting'.



Judith Randle and Greg Woods were interviewed in ‘Sacramento Shooting Spree’, a KTVU-TV story (April 5, 2022) about political leaders’ response to the mass murder in Sacramento.

Peggy Stevenson and the RCP program were the topic of an article in SJSU’s *Washington Square Magazine* (Fall/Winter 2021) entitled ‘The Exponential Impact of Expungement’.

Claudio Vera Sanchez published an OpEd entitled, ‘Police Would Rather Quit Than Get a COVID Vaccine? Good. We’ll Be Better Off Without Them’, in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, October 30, 2021.

Claudio Vera Sanchez published an OpEd entitled, ‘Police Killings of Latinos are Too Often Ignored’ in *Caló News Wire*, May 3, 2022.

Jodie Warren published an OpEd entitled ‘Derrick Chauvin Deserves His Prison Sentence. Many People of Color Don’t’ *Visible Magazine*, July 7, 2021.

Jodie Warren and George Kaufman published an OpEd entitled ‘School Abuse Victims Owed Amends’ in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, November 24, 2021.

Bryce Westlake was interviewed for a Canadian public television story ‘China Accused of Cyberespionage in Microsoft Hack’ (July 2021).

Greg Woods commented in a September 23, 2021, KTVU-TV story about a police union’s response to the vaccine mandate: ‘San Jose Cops Threatening to Ignore Vaccine Mandate is “Huge, Huge problem”’.

Greg Woods was interviewed for a CGTN story (February 9, 2022) about San Jose’s new law concerning guns: ‘San Jose Requires Gun Owners to Carry Liability Insurance’.

Greg Woods was interviewed for ABC7 (March 10, 2022) and KTVU-TV (March 11, 2022) stories about Santa Clara Sheriff Laurie Smith’s announcing her plans to retire.

Greg Woods was interviewed by KGO-TV 7 (May 13, 2021) about the bad behavior of officers in the San Jose Police Department.

## **Department Activities & Events**

In April 2022, the Iota chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma hosted ‘Meet our “Unbeetable” Professors’, an interactive discussion with faculty about their background, activities and research. Alessandro De Giorgi, John Halushka, Kevin Lynch, and Greg Woods participated in the panel.



Harrison Akins spoke in Sept 2021 on ‘The February 2020 Taliban-US Agreement and the Fall of Kabul’. He is the Subject Matter Expert for Economic and Social Development in the Office of Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Sambuddha Ghatak organized the event.

In May 2022, Grace Howard organized a panel on Human Rights and Reproductive Justice for the Department of Justice Studies and the SJSU Human Rights Institute. The panel featured Erin Heidt-Forsythe, Political Science, Penn State University; Kimberly Mutcherson, Dean, Rutgers-Camden School of Law; Kathryn Kolbert, attorney in Planned Parenthood v Casey, and Grace Howard.

Sigita Cerneviciute, from the Department of Criminology, Vilnius University, Lithuania, made a visit to the Department of Justice Studies in November 2021 as part of her postdoctoral research.

The Department offered a mini-symposium about Historical Methods in Criminology in December 2021. Sigita Cerneviciute spoke about ‘Problems with Statistics as a Historical Source: Homicides in Lithuania during the 1920s and 1930s.’ Paul Knepper spoke about ‘Women and the History of Memory at the San José Police School, 1930-1964.’

### Record Clearance Project

*The Record Clearance Project, founded in 2008 by Peggy Stevenson, is the only clinical program in the USA that engages undergraduate students in providing legal services. RCP students learn and use legal skills, under attorney supervision, to assist members of the community in expungement law and procedure. RCP has filed more than 1,850 petitions to dismiss convictions on behalf of 800 clients; RCP has trained more than 750 future lawyers, law enforcement, probation officers and others committed to public service.*

Peggy Stevenson and Judith Randle trained 14 law students at Stanford Law School in November 2021; the students joined with SJSU students to carry out 32 interviews for the Record Clearance Project.

During 2021-22, RCP assisted 101 clients at six speed screening sessions, to review criminal history and inform them about the next step in clearing their records, and gave 16 legal rights presentations to 302 people in jail and the community about the right to clear their record.

Law students from Stanford University, the University of California-Berkeley and the University of California-Los Angeles joined RCP students to work on nine cases during Alternative Spring Break in March 2022.

The P2E mentoring team, led by Cindy Parra, pairs clients with mentors to assist them in gaining life skills. From July 2021 to April 2022, P2E connected 116 clients at 1,486 times to services needed to attain self-sufficiency.

California Senator Scott Wiener cited RCP in proposed legislation in a statement about the value of expungement of criminal records. SB 1106 would make it possible for record clearance in cases where victim restitution has been ordered.



### Justice Studies Task Force

*The Justice Studies Task Force began in 2010 with the Confidence Challenge, a physical agility event for students, faculty and alumni to promote collaboration. It is comprised of representatives from student clubs, as well as faculty and alumni.*

The Executive Committee for 2021-22: Sheree Martinek, president; Nadia Webster, vice president; Jan Hagemann, secretary; Matt Van Dyke, treasurer.

The JS Task Force organized the Graduation Reception on May 25, 2022, that took place on Tower Lawn. The event included social activities and a career fair.

**Beyond the Books**  
SJSU Justice Studies Task Force presents  
**DEATH INVESTIGATIONS: The dead do tell tales**  
Stan Bielous – Deputy Medical Investigator, New Mexico  
Sgt. Michael White – Detective, San Jose Police Dept., Homicide Unit  
Kevin Kellogg – Criminalist III, Santa Clara County Crime Lab  
Kathryn Lee Zorn – Lead Investigator, SCC Police, Defender's Office  
JOIN US via Zoom!  
Wed. March 16, 2022  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Meeting ID: 883 5695 8673  
Password: 743402  
Contact: Sheree Martinek  
Sheree.martinek@sjsu.edu

The JS Task Force organized two ‘Beyond the Books’ events:

- Death Investigations: The Dead *Do* Tell Tales. March 2022. Featuring: Stan Bielous, Deputy Medical Investigator, New Mexico; Michael White, Detective, San José Police Department; Kevin Kellogg, Criminalist III, Santa Clara County Crime Laboratory.
- Cybersecurity and Investigations. October 2021. Featuring: Tom Daurelio, Special Agent, Office of Inspector General; Michael Noffsinger, Digital Forensics Examiner, Forensic Data Extraction and Analysis LLC; Brandon Gregg, Chief Data Scientist, Vanguard Infrastructures.

## Brown Bag Research Series

*The JS Brown Bag Research Series, initiated by Bryce Westlake and Wilson Yuan, features working papers by Department faculty on current research projects.*

Bryce Westlake, ‘Developing Automated Methods to Detect, Match and Analyze Child Sexual Abuse Videos Using Face and Voice Biometrics’ September 2021.

Grace Howard, ‘The Pregnancy Police: Conceiving Crime, Arresting Personhood’ October 2021.

Mark Barash, ‘Predicting Externally Visible Human Appearance from a DNA Sample for Law Enforcement Applications’. November 2021.

Wilson Yuan, ‘Understanding the Threat of Victimization Across Immigrant Generations: Does the Quality of Social Ties Matter?’ January 2022.

Shawna Bolton, ‘Exploring the Biomechanical Breakdown of Postmortem Cartilage as a Tool for Forensic Investigations’, March 2022.

Jodie Warren, ‘Forensic Entomology in the Bay Area, California’, April 2022.

## Forensic Science Series

*The “Careers in Forensic Science and Law Enforcement: Tips from the Experts” series, initiated by Mark Barash, provides interactive discussions with police and forensic science professionals.*

“So, you want to become a Police Officer?” Ron Tabron and Tim Jackson, Vallejo Police Department; Leon Jackson, San Francisco Police Department; and Chris Zonsius and Chief Michael Carroll from San José State University Police Department, March 25, 2022.



“So, you want to become an FBI Agent?” FBI Special Agents Michael Gimbel and Gail Paresa, April 28, 2022.

“So, you want to become a forensic scientist?” (Online) Diana Orozco, Yoelia Perez and Yvette De La Torre, Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Crime Lab; Catherine Currier, Sacramento District Attorney’s Office, Samantha Peek, Director of Research at the Fire Investigation Industries, May 5, 2022.

## Themis Journal

Themis: Research Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic *Science* is a student-managed academic journal that publishes original justice-related research by SJSU students. Mary Juno, the faculty advisor, launched Themis in 2013, and as of March 2021, more than 264,000 researchers worldwide have downloaded articles.

Isabella Mahan and Rowan Dunton served as the managing editors for Spring 2022. The associate editors were: Miranda Cabnayan, Karen Cerna, Karless Crespo, Sarah Dairokuno, Joyce Guevara, Jill Kessler-Miller, Yvonne Lee, Stephen Menner, Najaby Orobio, Lj Ann Pavao, Katie Penry, Helena Volckaert, and Ken Zhu.

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Nhat Dang

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Sam Klopstock

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Ruqayyah Sorathia

‘The Criminal Justice System and the LGBTQ Community: An Anti-Queer Regime’  
Steven Peck

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## Faculty & Staff Transitions

Harry Allen, Professor Emeritus Justice Studies, passed away at his home in Palm Springs, California on July 4, 2021. He left Ohio State University in 1978 to join SJSU and taught a variety of courses until his retirement in 1998. Professor Allen co-authored a leading textbook, *Corrections in America*, and served as president of both the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and the American Society of Criminology (ASC).

Charisse Armstrong joined the Department as office assistant during 2022-23.

Tom Arnold joined the Department as a lecturer on the Digital Evidence Concentration in Forensic Science. He is co-founder and vice president of Payment Services Corporation, San Jose, California. He leads PSC's PFI forensics team and specializes in internal and external security assessments related to US and international standards. He has an MBA from Golden Gate University.

Sarah Caliguiri joined the Department as a lecturer in Fall 2021 co-teaching a special topics course on Federal Indian Law. She is Director of Administration of Native Americans for Restorative Stewardship (NARS) and project specialist, Northern California Tribal Court Coalition. She has an MJIL from the University of Tulsa College of Law.



Riya Jacob joined SJSU in April 2022 as resource analyst for the Department of Justice Studies. Previously, she was finance and operations analyst for the School of Education at the City University of New York. She has a BS in Psychology from the City University of New York.

Steven Lee completed his final semester of the Faculty Early Retirement Program in Spring 2022. He is now a professor at the International Forensic Research Institute, Florida International University. From 1994-2000, he was director of research and development at the California Department of Justice DNA Laboratory in Berkeley, and from 2000-2003, director of research and development at MiraiBio Inc in Alameda. Professor Lee founded forensic science at SJSU in 2003.

Maureen Lowell, a lecturer in the Department since 2016, will become a full-time PhD student at Portland State University. While at SJSU, she initiated the Collaborative Response to Family Violence graduate certificate to improve service outcomes in responding to family violence.

Brandon Miller joined the Department as lecturer teaching JS 158 The Prison Community. He is a research analyst at Impact Justice, a research and advocacy organization dedicated to criminal justice reform. Brandon completed a BA in Africana Studies at San Francisco State University and a MS in Justice Studies from San José State University.





Samantha Peek joined the Department in Fall 2021 as a lecturer teaching forensic chemistry. She is chief executive officer and director of research at Fire Investigation Industries of California. She has a BS in Forensic Science from San José State University and is completing an MBA at Arizona State University.

Laura Plunkett, resource analyst for the Department of Justice Studies, resigned in December 2021 to accept a promotion. She is the college administrative operations specialist for the College of Humanities and Arts at SJSU.

Judith Randle, senior lecturer, will be assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Stanislaus State University.

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**FEDERAL INDIAN  
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Sarah Caligiuri



Andrew Redhawk

Andrew Perera joined the Department as a lecturer co-teaching a special topics course on Federal Indian Law. He is the Senior Consultant at NARS and former tribal administrator, Yomba Shoshone Tribe. He has an MJIL from the University of Tulsa School of Law

Megan Siaoosi joined the Department as a lecturer co-teaching a special topics course on Federal Indian Law. She is the Court Director of the Bear River Band Tribal Court, Rohnerville Rancheria. She has an MJIL from University of Tulsa College of Law

Wing Wan joined the Department of Justice Studies in February 2022 as lab technician for Forensic Science, a position shared by the College of Social Science with the College of Engineering. Wing completed his BS in Forensic Science at San José State University, Spring 2021.

Halima Kazem-Stojanovic will be at the University of California-Santa Cruz next year. She received a 2022-23 UCSC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship entitled ‘Film and Digital Media’.

### Alumni News

Omar Arauza’s work on the Record Clearance Project was featured in an article entitled “The Exponential Impact of Expungement” in *Washington Square Magazine* (Fall/Winter 2021)

Chi Pi Sigma Alumni Association held a Luau social event on May 14, 2022, at the Chi Pi Sigma Fraternity House on 10<sup>th</sup> Street in San Jose. Steve Rickeard was president of the CPS Alumni Association during 2021-22.

Siara Groch, former Psychology major with a minor in Forensic Studies is currently studying her MSc in Forensic Psychology in the UK.

Dejon Packer passed away at his home in Milpitas, March 14, 2022. A Justice Studies graduate, he was also a running back for SJSU’s rugby team. He was a police officer with the San Jose Police Department.

Sukhmanpreet Kaur Fall 2021 graduate (FS Chem) was hired on by a biotech company this spring.



On November 6, 2021, the Jerry Marsalli Community Center opened at Reed and Grant Sports Park in Santa Clara. Jerry Marsalli pledged Chi Pi Sigma in 1969 and received his degree in Administration of Justice at SJSU in 1974. He began his career as a Santa Clara County deputy sheriff and police officer for the San Jose Police Department.

Anne Rodriguez-Webb (BSJS 2018) is completing her second year at the University of California-Hastings School of Law.

Charles Snyder (former JS student and intern) reported acceptance to the University of Central Florida's Forensic Science Master's Program (biochemistry concentration).

Ruben Souza-Marquez (BSJS 2021) has continued to work with RCP while attending Santa Clara University School of Law. He won first place in the 1L Galloway Moot Court Competition during Fall 2021 and was the first-year representative of the Criminal Law Society, Latinx Law Student Association, and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.

Michelle Taikeff (BSJS 2019), who has been on the RCP staff, will be attending Washington University School of Law in St Louis, MO.

Jordan Velosa (BSJS 2020), who has worked on staff at RCP, will be attending Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, LA.

Dung Vo (BSJS 2021) completed in June 2022 the training course at the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office for correctional deputy.

### **Acknowledgements**

*A special 'thank you!' to faculty for sharing photos, especially to Greg Woods for photos of Telina Martinez Barrientos from the Office of the Independent Police Auditor, who spoke in his JS 102 course and Judith Randle's interview with KTVU-TV; to Joseph di Salvo, for the photo of Jeffrey Rosen, District Attorney, Santa Clara County; who spoke in his JS 132 course; and to Dina Kameda for the photos of the Graduation Celebration event organized by the JS Task Force.*