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Winter 2014 Newsletter



Dear MAS Students,

Welcome back to winter quarter, and a happy and healthy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for a great start to winter quarter.

Congratulations to our first-year students as you have now completed your initial quarter of study as UC graduate students. I'm looking forward to working with you in C213 over the next few months. Those of you in your second year will be writing your capstone papers (with graduation only one quarter away!). With

our increasing class sizes over the past few years, we have added capstone advisers so that you will receive excellent mentoring and close attention to your work from our faculty. I'm very pleased to announce that four of our faculty, Drs. Terry Dalton, Dick McCleary, George Tita and Mona Lynch will serve as your capstone advisers this winter. You will be assigned to one of our faculty, and they will be the ones who supervise and grade your papers. Our goal and professional responsibility is to provide you with the best opportunities for producing the highest quality work. The rest is up to you!

We'll be sending information regarding graduation events in early spring, and we are planning a lunch reception at the University Club on campus prior to the formal graduation



Join Us for the MAS Meet & Greet!

Prospective students, alumni, faculty and current students, are cordially invited to an open house and Meet and Greet event showcasing eleven years of excellence in the MAS program.

February 4th, 2014

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

University Club

University of California, Irvine

Featuring Dr. Kitty Calavita who will give a presentation on

'They're Just People Like the Rest of Us': Prisoners, Entitlement, and Building a Better Society

This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to learn more about our program as well as a chance for current students and alumni to connect. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with other students and alumni while enjoying light refreshments and learning more about what the MAS program has to offer. Details for the event can be found [here](#), or you may contact the MAS Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez, at adriannl@uci.edu.

Accepting Applications for Fall 2014!

Are you ready to take the next step in your education and career goals? If so, UC Irvine is currently accepting applications for the MAS Criminology, Law and Society program.

Applications will be accepted until June 1, 2014. [Visit our website](#) to read about admission requirements, program curriculum, course descriptions, etc.

*****NEW*****

* **The GRE** *

As of April 12, 2012 the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is **no longer required** for MAS applicants. Instead, a **writing sample will be required**. However, should you feel that it would make your



ceremony in the Bren Center.

Our big event this quarter will be our Meet and Greet which will be held at the University Club on February 4th. Information will be made available shortly, and our guest speaker will be Professor Emerita Kitty Calavita. Dr. Calavita is a renowned law and society scholar who worked at UCI for many years, and it is our great honor and privilege to have her back with us for this event. She was also involved with the MAS Program early on, helped create the Legal Institutions course, and has taught in the MAS as well.

Again, welcome back to winter quarter, I hope your studies are going well, and please remember that your feedback is extremely valuable to us as we continually strive to enhance the MAS Program.

Henry N. Pontell

MAS Director

Professor of Criminology, Law and Society, and Sociology

Veteran Application Fee Waiver



The office of Diversity in the UCI Graduate Division has announced the new deadlines for the application fee waiver for eligible veterans of the United States armed forces who are applying for Fall 2014 admission. Proof of service must be submitted to the Graduate Division office within 7 days of submitting an application, or by March 4, 2014 (whichever comes first). For more information, including eligibility requirements, please visit the fee waiver page on the Graduate Division [website](#), or contact the MAS program Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez, at adriannl@uci.edu or at (949) 824-5462.

application materials stronger, you are welcome to submit GRE scores.

* Financial Aid *

Prospective students intending to apply for admission for Fall 2013, please remember to fill out a FAFSA form in early January in order to be eligible for financial aid.

For more information on financial aid, or **specifics on the required writing sample** contact the MAS Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez, at adriannl@uci.edu or visit our [website](#).

Transgender Hate Crimes in Los Angeles- An Interview

LAPD officer and current MAS student, Ross Nemeroff, recently filmed an interview with Sabel, a transgender woman who was assaulted in Los Angeles. The assault was prosecuted as a hate crime and the perpetrator was sentenced. In sharing her experience, Sabel has become somewhat of a public figure as a victim of hate crime against the transgender community in LA. [Here is her story](#).



Government View on Marijuana Raises "Equal Justice" Issue



Mona Lynch, MAS Instructor and Professor of Criminology, Law and Society, was quoted in The Baltimore Sun on the lighter prison sentences that federal judges are handing down. "More judges across the country are imposing shorter sentences in marijuana cases, especially after the Justice Department issued its new guidelines on persecutions this year," states Lynch. [Read Article](#)

Cultural Climate Change

BART police chief speaks at UC Irvine regarding the challenges of taking over agency in wake of infamous Oscar Grant killing

Kenton Rainey's answer to "What do you want to be when you grow up?" was always the same: a police officer. Rainey grew up on Chicago's South Side, where relations between law enforcement and community members were fraught with tension. He had a vision of a different kind of officer, one who collaborates with residents on crime reduction and creates change from the inside. [Read More](#)



Expanding the Horizons of Criminology: The Intellectual Contributions of Gil Geis

This year's American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference featured a special session, Expanding the Horizons of Criminology, dedicated

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to the intellectual contributions to criminology of former ASC President and UCI Emeritus Professor Gil Geis. The panel featured presentations by ASC President Robert Agnew, and Professors John Braithwaite, Sally Simpson, Robert Meier, Mary Dodge (UCI Ph.D.), Richard Wright (UCI B.A.), and Henry Pontell (UCI CLS) who related comments from Paul Jesilow (UCI CLS), who could not make the trip to Atlanta. The event was held on November 20, 2013.

[View Presentation](#)



Rap on Trial- Using Lyrics as Evidence in Criminal Trials

Featuring Presentations by:

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

Dr. Charis Kubrin

Dr. Sohail Daulatzai

The Center for Psychology and Law is proud to host "Rap On Trial," an exciting discussion panel event addressing the recent practice of using rap lyrics as evidence in criminal cases. Prosecutors have become adept at convincing judges and juries alike that rap lyrics are either autobiographical confessions of illegal behavior or evidence of a defendant's knowledge, motive or identity with respect to the alleged crime. This movement to effectively criminalize rap music has significant implications for how we define creative expression and free speech. Please join us as we discuss the history of this practice and the practical implications of these issues.

JANUARY 22, 2014 5:30-7:00PM
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES GATEWAY
ROOM 1517

This event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

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