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Master of Advanced Study Newsletter

MAS News

Fall 2011



Dear MAS Students,

My personal welcome, again, to all of our new students, and an equally warm welcome back to our returning second-year students! I hope that your studies are going very well and that you are finding the coursework highly informative, intellectually challenging, and yes, even enjoyable! As we begin another school year, please let us know how you are doing. I encourage you to tell us about your own experiences in the program. A number of things are in the making for another great year and you'll be hearing more about them soon. Here are just a couple for now. First, we're planning for an exciting mid-year Meet and Greet event at the UCI University Club this March (including a featured speaker), and we hope that many of you can be there to mingle with faculty and fellow students. Second, I'm extremely pleased to announce that Professor John Hipp will begin teaching our statistics course this year. Professor Hipp is both a nationally-recognized criminologist, and a very highly-regarded instructor in our Department. Having him with us in the MAS program will not only directly benefit students who

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Welcome to the New Academic Year!

What an exciting year it was in the MAS program as we said goodbye to our largest graduating class ever, and welcomed the new MAS students on campus in September. In addition, the 41 members of Cohort 8 are beginning their final year of study and will be graduating at the end of the year. Under the leadership of Director Henry Pontell we have grown the program, added new MAS faculty, and are undertaking a major upgrade of our courses while still maintaining the highest educational quality one would expect from a degree program at the University of California, Irvine. At the same time we welcome the new students and groom our second year students for graduation, we are already sorting through applications for next year's incoming class.

It will be a busy and exciting year indeed!

Adrianna Lopez
Assistant Director, MAS Program

Now Accepting Applications for Fall 2012

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 program. Please visit our website for current information, requirements, and deadlines at <http://clsmas.sococo.uci.edu/>

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take his class, but adds to the prestige and visibility of the program, and, of course, your degree.

Again, best wishes to you all for a successful and productive fall quarter, and I look forward to seeing you in class later this year.

Sincerely,
Henry Pontell
Director, MAS Program

Announcing the Veteran Application Fee Waiver



The office of Diversity in the UCI Graduate Division has recently announced a new application fee waiver for eligible veterans of the United States armed forces who are applying for Fall, 2012. For more information as well as eligibility requirements, please contact the MAS program Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez at adrianni@uci.edu or at (949) 824-5462.

MAS Program Featured in Criminal Justice Degree, College and Career Blog

The Master of Advanced Study in Criminology, Law & Society program was recently featured in the online Criminal Justice Degree, College and Career Blog. With a national audience reaching nearly 200,000 subscribers this blog features top-ranked educational



Welcome MAS Class of 2013!

The MAS program welcomed its largest class ever in September during the week long, on-campus orientation and course. With 43 students of varied ages, background and experience the class of 2013 kicked off the week with a Welcome Dinner at Prego Ristorante in Irvine and then participated in the C210 Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society course taught by Dr. Henry Pontell and Dean Valerie Jenness. On behalf of the MAS program, we welcome these new students and wish them the best as they continue their studies in the MAS program.



Congratulations Class of 2011!

On June 11, 2011 the MAS graduates of Cohort 7 participated in the UCI School of Social Ecology commencement ceremonies held at the Bren Events center on campus. Following the ceremony a formal dinner was held for graduates and their families at Kimera restaurant in Irvine. Department faculty and lead staff attended the event to give their congratulations and support to the graduates. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of three research excellence awards given to Cohort 7 students who demonstrated exemplary performance in their Capstone research papers. Jimmy Steyee received The Stephen M. Rosoff Award for Outstanding Research and MAS Research Excellence Awards were given to Ryan Tanaka and Julie Garboushian.



MAS Research Award Winners

Ryan Tanaka, Jimmy Steyee and Julie Garboushian

programs within the criminal justice and related fields. It also serves as an excellent career networking site for those seeking employment and other advancement opportunities within the criminal justice community. The Department of Criminology, Law and Society has been consistently ranked in the top 5 nationally by US News & World Report and is now proud to be featured a top-ranked program in the Criminal Justice Degree, College and Career Blog. The feature can be viewed online [HERE](#).

Alumni



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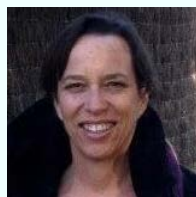
Last Fall the MAS Program started an Alumni program where graduates are kept in the loop of possible job openings and career connections. In addition, Alumni are given the chance to be featured in the 'Alumni Spotlight' section of MAS Program newsletter. If you would like to be a featured Alumni in a future newsletter, have a job you would like to post for Alumni, or would like to be an active part of the Alumni program, please contact the MAS Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez, at adriannl@uci.edu.

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MAS Student Feature



Lauren Hatvany (Cohort 9) is a filmmaker who recently completed an interactive documentary exploring the relationship between humiliation and violence. As a private investigator who worked in the Bay Area of California for 15 years, she worked on a number of murder cases supporting the defense. This online film is a story about one of her cases, a young man named Eric who was accused of killing another young man in a dispute in Oakland, California. By this time in her career Lauren had been seriously questioning the way society views and addresses criminality and Eric's case weighed on her conscience. Eric was convicted of second-degree murder in 2001 and was sentenced to 15 years to life but corresponded with Lauren for years following. This documentary is a story of Eric's case, his struggles, and the letters he wrote while locked behind bars. This documentary was made to raise awareness and to initiate dialogue and action, and can be seen at www.matterofrespect.com.



Save the Date for the 6th Annual MAS Meet & Greet!

Prospective Students, current students, and Alumni are cordially invited to the 6th Annual MAS Meet and Greet event which will be held at the UCI University Club on March 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our program to interested students and is also a chance for current students and Alumni to reconnect. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with our internationally recognized faculty while enjoying light refreshments and learning more about what the MAS program has to offer. More detailed information on this event will follow in the Winter newsletter, and will also be available on the MAS website as the date draws closer. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact the MAS Assistant Director at adriannl@uci.edu.

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