



ONLINE MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDY  
IN CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY  
*Celebrating a Decade of Excellence*

## Fall 2012 Newsletter



Dear MAS Students,

My personal welcome again to our entering students who Val Jenness and I had the distinct pleasure of meeting in our introductory class last month, and an equally warm welcome to our returning second-year students! This year both student cohorts are indeed very special (not only for being the largest entering classes for two consecutive years), as you will help us commemorate a milestone in the history of our Department, School, and University; The Tenth Anniversary of the MAS Program, the first online degree program at the University of California. As we celebrate a decade of excellence, I hope that your studies are going well and that you are finding the coursework highly informative, intellectually challenging, and enjoyable. I encourage you to share your experiences in the program with us, and I'll now share with you that a number of things are in the making for yet another great year for the MAS and our students. First, we've already begun planning for our mid-year MAS Meet and Greet event which will include a special ten-year celebration of the MAS this March. We hope that you will be able to join us and have a chance to catch up with one another and our faculty, attend a presentation by a renowned researcher, and



### Save the Date for the MAS Meet & Greet and 10 Year Anniversary Celebration!

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

**March 12th, 2013**  
**UCI Campus**

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 [adrianna@uci.edu](mailto:adrianna@uci.edu)

### Accepting Applications for Fall 2013!

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, 2013. [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 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.



help us showcase the MAS Program for prospective students. Second, I'm extremely pleased to announce that another CLS faculty member has recently joined the ranks of MAS instructors. Donna Schuele is now teaching our course in Leadership. Donna began her duties this fall, taking over for Social Ecology Professor Ross Conner, who designed the course and taught it for the past nine years. Ross has decided to fully retire from the university, and we will honor his stellar contributions to the MAS later this year. Donna received her Ph.D. and J.D. from UC Berkeley, taught courses there and at UC Santa Barbara, and was a practicing attorney before joining the CLS faculty at UCI. She is a very highly regarded instructor who has taught a number of undergraduate and graduate courses over the years, is passionate about teaching, and is dedicated to her students. We are very proud and fortunate to have her join the ranks of full-time CLS and Social Ecology faculty who teach almost the entire MAS curriculum. Welcome Donna!

We'll be in touch soon on program matters and events as they develop. My best wishes to you all for a successful and productive fall quarter, and I look forward to having all of you in classes later this year!

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

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

## Congratulations Class of 2012!



On June 17, 2012 the MAS graduates of Cohort 8 participated in the UCI School of Social Ecology commencement ceremonies held at the Bren Events center on campus. Prior to the ceremony the graduates and their families attended a reception. Department faculty and lead staff attended the event to give their congratulations and support to the graduates. The highlight of the event was the presentation of three research excellence awards given to Cohort 8 students who demonstrated exemplary performance in their Capstone research papers. Christian Hellum received the Stephen M. Rosoff Award for Outstanding Research and MAS Research Excellence Awards were given to Brittany Courtney and Monique Ruiz.



## Welcome MAS Class of 2014!

The MAS program welcomed its largest class ever in September during the week long, on-campus orientation and course. With 64 students of varied ages, background and experience the class of 2014 kicked off the week with a Welcome Dinner at Andrei's Restaurant in Irvine. Then, students participated in the C210 Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society course taught by Henry Pontell and Dean Valerie Jenness. On behalf of the MAS program, we welcome these new students and wish them the absolute best as they begin their graduate studies.



who are applying for Fall 2013 admission. Proof of service must be submitted to the Graduate Division office within 7 days of submitting an application, or by March 4, 2013 (whichever comes first). For more information, including eligibility requirements, please contact the MAS program Assistant Director, Adrianna Lopez at [adriannl@uci.edu](mailto:adriannl@uci.edu) or at (949) 824-5462.

## Announcing a New MAS Promotional Video

We are proud to announce a new promotional video featuring MAS Alumni which is currently featured on the Social Ecology YouTube page. It will also be featured on the MAS website.

See the video [here](#)

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## MAS Professor Receives NIJ Funding

A team of researchers, led by principal investigators, John Hipp and Charis Kubrin, Associate Professors of Criminology, Law & Society, have received \$560,000 in funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for their project, *Crime in Metropolitan America: Patterns and Trends Across the Southern California Landscape*. Read the full article [here](#).



## Alumni Spotlight

*Cohort 6 Graduate: Christine Champion*



Hello, a big welcome to the incoming students of Cohort 10 and to the other students in various stages of the MAS program. I am a proud graduate from Cohort 6, former President of UCI's chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma and a current Ph.D. student in Criminology, Law and Society at UCI.

Congratulations on your accomplishment in taking a major step toward furthering your education. I am extremely grateful and look back with fondness on

my time in the MAS program because it is such a unique opportunity. There are very few programs in the country with such stature as UCI's Criminology, Law and Society department and the MAS program gives the ability to experience this wealth of knowledge to a broad spectrum of students. Not only was I able to capitalize on the strength of UCI as an academic leader but I was able to take courses from leading professionals at various institutions around the country. I was also given an extraordinary opportunity to network with criminal justice professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds. The MAS program truly opened doors for me in ways I never expected and I hope that each of you will seek out ways to fully experience every advantage that is offered here. Good luck in the coming year!

## Alumni Spotlight

*Cohort 5 Graduate: Kim Christine Sutphin*



I am currently a first year student in the Psy.D. Clinical Forensic Psychology Program at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSP), Irvine, California, campus. It is the oldest psychology school in the nation based out of its main branch in Chicago, Illinois. My specialty track is in Consulting and I will be attaining licensure post-doc to work in private practice. My interests are helping juveniles

and crime victims and also the study of forensic neuropsychology psychopharmacology as it relates to the forensic population. The Criminology, Law, and Society (CLS), Master's of Advanced Studies (MAS) at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) provided the

necessary education and tools for success to attain further academic goals in a doctoral program. The MAS coursework allowed for a smooth transition from Criminology into Forensic Psychology, a field I have a passion for working in. Though my career background was law enforcement as a former FBI employee, the MAS helped me rediscover my high interests in academia and furthering my education in the area of forensics. I feel my degree in Criminology is a valuable asset providing an additional area of expertise in my career as a Clinical Forensic Psychologist.

## UC Irvine Ranks First in Nation on List of Top 100 Universities Under 50 Years Old

UC Irvine ranks first in the U.S. and fourth in the world among the 100 best universities less than 50 years old, according to an analysis by Times Higher Education. Founded in 1965, UCI also is the youngest university to gain membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. The "100 Under 50" list aims to show which countries are challenging the U.S. and the U.K. as higher-education powerhouses and offers insight into which institutions are poised to become future world leaders.



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