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Winter 2012 Newsletter



Dear MAS Students,

Welcome back, and on behalf of the Department of Criminology, Law and Society, best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy new year. I hope you had some time to relax during the holiday break, and that your studies continue to go well as you begin the winter quarter. Those of you in your first year have now completed your first graduate courses at UCI (and I'm looking forward to working with you in C213 this quarter!), while those in your second year will be writing your capstone papers with graduation only one quarter away! We'll be sending information regarding graduation events in early spring.

Our big event this quarter is the annual Meet and Greet at the UCI University Club on March 13th. Information will be sent shortly, and we hope all of you can join us. I am extremely pleased to announce that Columbia University Law Professor, Jeffrey Fagan, will be our guest speaker at the event. Professor Fagan is a preeminent legal scholar and criminologist whose work spans a number of areas of law, criminal justice, and social policy. He is also a wonderful colleague whose research knowledge and presentation will surely inspire all in attendance.



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

Prospective Students, alumni, faculty and current students, are cordially invited to the 6th Annual MAS Meet and Greet event on

March 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
@ the [UCI University Club](#)

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our program as well as a chance for current students and alumni to connect. 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.

To RSVP please e-mail MAS Program Coordinator,
Adriana Collins at ajcollin@uci.edu

Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Jeffrey Fagan to speak March 13 & 14, 2012

The Department of Criminology, Law and Society is pleased to announce that Columbia University Law Professor, Jeffrey Fagan, is visiting UCI to speak at the March 13th Meet and Greet and give a colloquium for faculty and students on March 14th. The colloquium will be held from 12:00 - 1:00p.m. in the Social Ecology I building, room 112. To RSVP please e-mail Adriana Collins at ajcollin@uci.edu



March 14, 2012 - "Indignities of Order Maintenance"

Dr. Fagan will talk about the balance of harms and purposes, and the tragedy of the criminal justice commons that has grown with the spread of order maintenance policing. His analysis traces the widespread use of coercive police authority to conduct harsh field interrogations; and identifies their incursions on human dignity without returning the personal and social benefits of safety. The paper injects the notion of human dignity into both the jurisprudence and policy of street policing, and instantiates the calculus of perverse

Last but not least, I am happy to announce that Adrianna Lopez recently became a proud mom! Please join me in wishing her and her husband all the best with their daughter, Evelynne Michele! Again, welcome back, and please don't hesitate to let us know how things are going. Your feedback is extremely valuable as we continually strive to improve the MAS Program.

Henry N. Pontell
Director, MAS Program

Application Fee Waiver for Veterans!



The Office of Diversity in UCI's 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, please contact MAS Program Coordinator, Adriana Collins at ajcollin@uci.edu

Alumni Connection

Last fall we 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 the 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 Adriana Collins at ajcollin@uci.edu



New Professor joins Department

legitimacy costs into the analysis of police discretion in the pursuit of safety.

Biography: Jeffrey Fagan is Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law and Professor of Epidemiology at Columbia University and serves as the Director of the Center for Crime, Community and Law at Columbia Law School. He also is a Senior Scholar at Yale Law School. His research and scholarship examines policing, the legitimacy of the criminal law, capital punishment, legal socialization of adolescents, neighborhoods and crime, and juvenile crime and punishment.

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 Criminology, Law and Society program.



The first application deadline is March 1, 2012 and the second cycle deadline is June 1, 2012. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible to ensure your space in the program while your materials undergo review. [Visit our website](#) to read about admission requirements, program curriculum, course descriptions, etc.

* The GRE *

Please note that all applicants are required to submit their GRE scores, even if the candidate already has a Master's. If you have already taken the GRE, test scores are valid for five years after the testing year in which you tested. To find out more, [visit their website](#) for testing dates and recent changes to the scoring and design of the exam.

* Financial Aid *

Prospective students intending to apply for admission for fall 2012, please remember to fill out a FAFSA form in order to be eligible for financial aid. California residents have a March 2nd deadline. Please [visit their website](#) for application and deadline details.

MAS Alumni: Ryan Tanaka

As part of our alumni connection program we are happy to feature Ryan Tanaka, class of 2011! Ryan is a double alum receiving his B.A. from UCI in Psychology & Social Behavior and a B.A. and MAS in Criminology, Law and Society.

"Hello MAS family! You are all well on your way through an exciting and rewarding journey. I graduated knowing that the knowledge and tools given to me throughout the program would help me with my future career, regardless of what field I end up in."



Ryan is currently looking for a research/statistical analysis job as the next step in his career. He is open to working at the local, state, or federal level. He has nearly five years experience in law enforcement and currently works at the Irvine and Manhattan Beach Police Departments.

If you know of any jobs, please contact Ryan directly at ryan.j.tanaka@gmail.com

Director receives prestigious Herbert Bloch Award



Charis Kubrin joined UCI as an Associate Professor this fall after 11 years of teaching at George Washington University.

She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Washington. Professor Kubrin's research focuses on neighborhoods, race, and violence as central to social disorganization theory.

Professor Kubrin's research also examines the intersection of music, culture and social identity, particularly as it applies to hip-hop and minority youth in disadvantaged communities. For a recent study, Charis Kubrin, coded every line of more than 400 rap songs for themes of violence, retaliation, misogyny, respect, material wealth and nihilism. Her 2005 analysis "Gangstas, Thugs & Hustlas: Identity & the Code of the Street in Rap Music" was among the University of California's 25 most frequently downloaded articles in 2010, according to UC Press.

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Professor John Hipp and graduate student, Daniel Yates publish article in *Criminology*



John Hipp, Professor of Criminology, Law and Society,

UCI Professor and MAS Director, Henry N. Pontell has garnered the Herbert Bloch Award for outstanding service contributions to the American Society of Criminology and to the professional interests of criminology. The prestigious award-inaugurated in 1961 but not bestowed every year-was presented November 16, 2011 in Washington DC.

Dr. Pontell, the 34th recipient, joins some of the most prominent criminologists in North America. "I'm overwhelmed and deeply honored by this award," said the Professor of Criminology, Law and Society and of Sociology. "It's very humbling to be recognized in this way with such a select group in our profession's history."

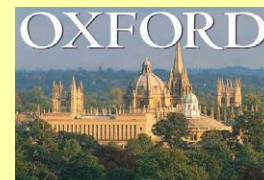
Pontell has served as Vice President of ASC, a member of the Executive Board, Editor of The Criminologist, and as a member of numerous committees and editorial boards of journals in the field. He's testified on matters of crime and punishment before national commissions and the United States Congress, presented to the National Academies, been a keynote speaker at major international conferences, and has been recognized with scholarship and service awards from the American Sociological Association, the Western Society of Criminology, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

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MAS Alumni: Steve McCarty-Snead

We are proud to announce that Steve McCarty-Snead, class of 2009, will soon be graduating from Oxford University with a Doctorate of Philosophy in Socio-Legal Studies. His thesis is titled, "Who Will Watch the Watchers: Observing Privacy Rights and Surveillance Regulation in Britain."



During his time in the MAS program, Steve served as President and co-founder of the Alpha Phi Sigma chapter at UCI, a criminal justice honors society that is still running strong!

His next big journey will be to return to his alma mater, UC Berkeley, for law school! We wish Steve all the best and send our congratulations!



Socio-Legal Studies Workshop

The Socio-Legal Studies Workshop is an interdisciplinary seminar that will meet one Friday each month over lunch (12:00-1:15 pm) in the Law School (Room 3500). Lunch will be provided.



All interested law students, graduate students and faculty members are welcome.

January 27th : Ann Southworth (UCI Law) - "Lawyers in National Policymaking: Who Wins and Who Loses?"

February 24th : Allison Perlman (UCI Film & Media Studies and History) - "Matters of Taste and Race: Speech Rights, Civil Rights, and the Battle over Alabama Educational Television."

and Graduate Student, Daniel Yates had their article: "Ghettos, Thresholds, and Crime: Does Concentrated Poverty Really Have An Accelerating Increasing Effect on Crime?" featured in *Criminology* (volume 49, issue 4). [Read the Article](#)

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March 16th : Joseph Jenkins (UCI Education) - "Inheritance Law and Political Theology: Election and Grace in Shakespeare, Milton, and Beyond."

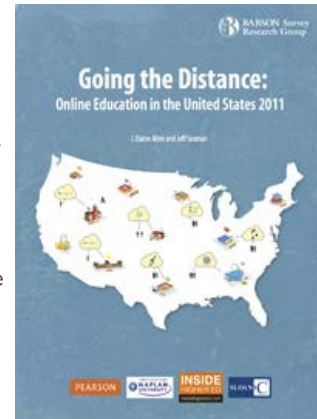
April 6th : Mona Lynch (UCI Criminology, Law, & Society) - "Reconceptualizing the Problem of Racism in Drug Law Enforcement: A Case Study of the Federal System."

May 11th : Rachel O'Toole (UCI History) - "The Gifts of Freedom: Intimate Labor and Gendered Discourses in Colonial Peru."

More than 6 million students taking online courses!

Based on responses from over 2,500 academic leaders, a 2011 survey of online learning revealed that the number of students taking at least one online course has now surpassed 6 million.

"The rate of growth in online enrollments is ten times that of the rate in all higher education, " said study Co-Author I Elaine Allen, Co-Director of the Babson Survey Research Group and Professor of Statistics & Entrepreneurship at Babson College.



Key report findings include:

- Over 6.1 million students were taking at least one online course during the fall 2010 term, an increase of 560,000 students over the previous year.
- The 10% growth rate for online enrollments far exceeds the 2% growth in the overall higher education student population.
- Thirty-one percent of higher education students now take at least one course online.
- Reported year-to-year enrollment changes for fully online programs by discipline show most are growing.
- Academic leaders believe that the level of student satisfaction is equivalent for online and face-to-face courses.
- 65% of higher education institutions now say that online learning is a critical part of their long-term strategy.

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