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IN CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY  
*Celebrating a Decade of Excellence*

## Winter 2013 Newsletter



Dear MAS Students,

Welcome back to winter quarter, and a happy and healthy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, that you are re-energized, and that your studies are off again to a great start!

Congratulations to those of you in your first-year as you have now completed your first quarter of study as UC graduate students. I'm looking forward to working with you again in C213 this quarter. Those of you in your second year of study 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 advisors so that students receive additional mentoring and close attention to their work from our faculty. I'm very pleased to announce that we have enlisted two excellent CLS faculty members with vast experience in research methodology and study design, Drs. Terry Dalton and Dick McCleary to serve as advisors in this course, in addition to Dr. Diego Vigil, who designed the course and has taught it since its inception. Students will be assigned to each of them, and Professor Vigil, in addition to directly advising some of you, will serve as the instructor of record. Christine Champion, a MAS graduate and now a Ph.D. student at UCI will be the TA for



### Please Join Us At The MAS 10th Anniversary Celebration!

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

**March 12th, 2013  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
UCI Student Center**

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](mailto:adriannl@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.



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#### \* The GRE & NEW Writing Requirement\*

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

this course and will work with both faculty and students on special issues and administrative matters. All to say, our goal and professional responsibility is to provide our students with the best opportunities for producing the highest quality work. The rest is up to you! As always, we look forward to your feedback.

We'll be sending information regarding graduation events in early spring, and we are planning a picnic-barbeque for graduates and their families in Aldrich Park (center of campus) right after the formal graduation ceremony in the Bren Center. This will be a beautiful venue, and the park is named after our founding UCI Chancellor Dan Aldrich, who was a visionary leader, close colleague and good friend to so many of us. I'll be happy to relate stories about him and how his superb work led to the solid foundation for this campus that has continued on the trajectory set in those early times.

Our big event this quarter will be our Tenth Anniversary Celebration which will be held at the UCI Student Center on March 12th. Information will be sent out shortly, and I hope as many of you as possible can join us for our biggest mid-year program ever. We will have a number of speakers who will help us celebrate a decade of excellence, including MAS graduates who have gone on to great things in their careers. I am equally thrilled to announce that our good friend and colleague, Professor Peter Grabosky from The Australian National University will be our featured speaker at this event. Dr. Grabosky is a distinguished criminologist and regulatory scholar who has garnered numerous awards for his work from professional associations around the world, including the American Society of Criminology, the White-Collar Crime Consortium of the National White-Collar Crime Center, and the International Society of Criminology to name but a few. He is also among a handful of leading scholars in the world on cybercrime, and he will present on this topic. His talk promises to be a fascinating look at both the etiology of electronic crime, and the criminal justice system's response.

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](mailto:adriannl@uci.edu) or visit our [website](#).

## Cybercrime Expert to Speak at MAS 10th Anniversary Celebration Event

Peter Grabosky is a Distinguished Professor in the Regulatory Institutions Network at the Australian National University, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. He holds a PhD in Political Science from Northwestern University. His interests lie in the areas of cybercrime, regulation, policing, and the role of non-state actors in public policy. Peter is currently Vice-President of the Asian Criminological Society. He is a past-President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and a former Deputy Secretary General of the

International Society of Criminology. His recent books include *Crime and Terrorism* (2010 with M. Stohl); *Lengthening the Arm of the Law: Enhancing Police Resources in the 21st Century* (2009 with J. Ayling and C. Shearing); *Electronic Crime* (2007); and *Cyber Criminals on Trial* (2004 with R. Smith and G. Urbas). The latter book won the Distinguished Book Award of the American Society of Criminology's Division of International Criminology. The MAS Program is thrilled to have Dr. Grabosky as the featured speaker at our 10th Anniversary Celebration event on March 12, 2013. His presentation will be on "Crime, Terrorism and Warfare in Cyberspace".



## Alumni Spotlight

*Cohort 3 Graduate: Gerald T. Roy, Special Agent in Charge, Kansas City Regional Office, Health & Human Services- Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations*



Welcome members of Cohort 10. Fasten your seatbelts; you are in for quite a ride. The MAS program has had a profound impact on me personally, and certainly opened career doors that otherwise may never have opened. For me, the program facilitated a far better understanding of the issues and challenges facing our criminal justice system, and how

these issues and challenges drive public policy. I became a better communicator, a better writer, and a much better listener. The leadership course was second to none; and I have attended many executive level leadership courses on which to base this conclusion. If I could offer any advice, it would be twofold. First, engage. Your fellow cohorts will challenge your beliefs and broaden your horizons in the process. I encourage you not to sit on the sidelines. Share your viewpoints, your experiences, and open your mind. Do the research to back up your position, and review in-depth the evidence presented to counter yours. This process, along with world class instruction from the discipline's foremost experts, and the research you conduct, will create a dynamic learning environment that will serve you well for years to come.

Second, use your knowledge to make a difference. The realms of public service and academics needs dedicated, educated women and men like never before. In an increasingly complex society, those with a heightened knowledge of criminology and law are at a premium. Use what you have learned to lead, teach, or conduct further research to better our society.

After graduating from the MAS program in 2007, I steadily rose

Finally, I am happy to report that earlier this year the MAS Program was very positively reviewed by our University and by our accrediting organization, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Many thanks to those of you who participated in this important assessment. The MAS Program was cited for excellence in a number of areas, and has set the standard for distance learning degree programs at the University of California. We continue to be very proud that we were first among all campuses to initiate an online graduate degree, and that it is held in such high regard.

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 improve the MAS Program.

Henry N. Pontell

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Professor of Criminology, Law and Society, and Sociology

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through the ranks of federal law enforcement, ultimately leading one of the largest investigative agencies in the Federal Inspector General community. And it started in the fall of 2005, when I began my MAS studies as member of Cohort 3. Congratulations on being accepted into this exceptional Masters degree program. I wish you the best on the journey on which you now embark.

## CLS Professor Named 2012 UCI Award Winner

Elizabeth Loftus, Distinguished Professor in Psychology and Social Behavior and Criminology, Law and Society, received the 2012 UCI Medal, which is the highest honor the university bestows. Loftus was awarded at the "A Celebration of Stars" ceremony on October 27, 2012. Read the full article [here](#).



## New York Examines Over 800 Rape Cases for Possible Mishandling of Evidence



William Thompson, Professor of Criminology, Law and Society who teaches a law course in the first year of the MAS Program, was quoted in the New York Times regarding the review of more than 800 rape cases in which critical DNA evidence may have been mishandled or overlooked by a lab technician. Thompson said that "accidental transfer in a lab of DNA from one sample to another sample is not a rare event." [Read Article](#)

## Corporations and Execs Need Penalties that Hurt

Henry Pontell, MAS Director and Professor of Criminology, Law and Society (CLS) at the University of California, Irvine, was quoted along with CLS alum William Black, Associate Professor of Economics and Law at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, in the Los Angeles Times regarding the lack of major criminal penalties against corporations. Read the full article [here](#).



**Save the Date for the Northern California**

## Meet & Greet and Information Session!

**May 7th, 2013  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Bay Area**

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.

Location details are in progress. Please check the Northern California [event page](#) for more information as it becomes available.

## 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 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.

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