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STUDENTS HEAR FROM FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

STUDENTS ATTEND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER DAY



**STUDENTS NETWORK WITH FEDERAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.**

On April 6, 2023, the Department of Criminal Justice held its Annual Federal Law Enforcement Career Day event for all Monmouth University Students. The program was held at the OceanFirst Bank Center Varsity Club and more than eighty students attended. Ten federal agencies were in attendance which gave the students many options to pursue their career paths. The Department of Criminal Justice received two great outcomes from this event: two students from this event are now working as Intelligence Research Specialists (IRS) with the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms (ATF).

STUDENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP COURSE VISIT LONDON



STUDENTS VISIT TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM AND LEARN ABOUT SECURITY OPERATIONS FROM TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FC SAFETY OFFICER, EILEEN WILLIAMS, MBE.

Graduate students taking CJ 582: International Policing and Public Safety Leadership spent a week in London in July to visit many of the agencies that provide law enforcement and security services within the United Kingdom. Dr. Brian Lockwood and Mitchell Sklar of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) led the trip that had students meet with officials from New Scotland Yard, the US Embassy, the National Police Coordination Centre, and Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Students also had the opportunity to tour a local jail, attend a performance of “Witness for the Prosecution” at County Hall, and visit many other locations, including the Tower Bridge and Westminster Abbey.



THE CLASS VISITS NEW SCOTLAND YARD.

STUDENTS IN THE FIELD



RAYMOND STAFFORD
B.A. IN CJ, ANTICIPATED MAY 2024
POLICE OFFICER
NORTH DISTRICT
JERSEY CITY, N.J.



LAUREN CRAMMER
B.A. IN CJ, 2023
COURT SERVICES OFFICER
MERCER COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT



TAYLOR PORCELLO
M.A. IN CJ, 2023
AML ANALYST
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK



JACKIE TUMIPAMBA
M.A. IN CJ, 2023
SHERIFF'S OFFICER
MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SENIOR SYDNEY STRICKLAND PRESENTS HER RESEARCH AT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WEEK

On Monday, April 17, 2023, Sydney Strickland presented her research titled “Examining if Crisis Intervention Team Training Improves Officer Confidence in Communicating with Emotionally Disturbed Persons While in the Field” at the Hawk Talks event at Monmouth University’s 2023 Student Scholarship Week. The Hawk Talks event highlights the rich diversity of events offered during Student Scholarship Week by including student work from all academic disciplines, including graduate and undergraduate students, in one premier interdisciplinary event.

Sydney Strickland’s research examined the effectiveness of Monmouth County’s Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT), which is a nationally recognized approach that allows the gaps between the mental health and the criminal justice systems to be bridged to provide a safer, smarter, and more understandable way of assessing and addressing the challenges regarding an individual in crisis. Findings revealed that after completing CIT training, officers’ confidence in engaging with individuals in crisis improved. Sydney completed her research as part of Monmouth’s Summer Scholars program, where students live on campus with other student researchers and work collaboratively with a faculty mentor on a scholarly project. Sydney was advised by Dr. Meg Forney.



SYDNEY STRICKLAND PRESENTS HER WORK AT THE HAWK TALKS EVENT.



SYDNEY STRICKLAND (4TH FROM LEFT) STANDS WITH THE HAWK TALKS PRESENTERS.

DR. THOMAS CAREY AND GRADUATE STUDENT MATTHEW PRINGLE PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH

Thomas J. Carey, Ed.D., Specialist Professor of Homeland Security, and graduate student Matthew Pringle, presented their research “Harnessing Emerging Technologies in Emergency Management” at FEMA’s Higher Education Roundtable at New Jersey City University on March 28. The presentation focused on using global information systems and drone technologies in Homeland Security.

Pringle showcased his research on COVID-19 and wildfire GIS applications. He also shared the spotlight with classmate Orlando Ferreira Neto, whose research, “Can a low-cost drone survey replace a high-cost LiDAR survey for building information modeling of a flood risk assessment?” focused on the use of drones in the homeland security space.

Carey highlighted the value of implementing technology inside and outside the classroom using various types of experiential learning activities. “High-impact learning can be achieved through the coupling of technology as the driving factor in supporting the pedagogy of experiential learning,” he said.

Carey also discussed how drones are utilized in each of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. He concluded his part of the presentation with a discussion on all-terrain vehicles and robotics.

At the conclusion of the roundtable, Martin Walker, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Professional Studies at New Jersey City University, recognized Pringle for his dedication and hard work inside and outside the classroom. Pringle received his M.A. in Criminal Justice in August 2023 and served as the president for the Homeland Security Honor Society, the Order of the Sword and Shield Honor Society, Omicron Sigma Sigma. He is a volunteer firefighter for the town of Belmar, NJ.



MATTHEW PRINGLE AND DR. THOMAS CAREY PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH.

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SOCIAL WORKERS CONFERENCE



On March 21, 2023, The Department of Criminal Justice and the School of Social Work partnered and delivered a half day symposium focused on the new implementation of Social Workers employed by law enforcement organizations throughout the state. The conference was attended by many students from multiple disciplines, along with practitioners throughout New Jersey. Over seventy attendees were present and the program was well received with accolades and requests for a yearly conference in the future. Additionally, the programming for the dual degree in Criminal Justice & Social Work was launched with positive support among the attendees.

THE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DR. GIUSEPPE M. FAZARI, PH.D.



Professor Fazari holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Seton Hall University where he also earned a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice. He is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management and was the recipient of the Vice-President's Award of Merit for Applied Research. Before working in academia, he was a court executive and chief administrator for the New Jersey Judiciary. He has served as a consultant for several domestic and international organizations including the Rodrigo Lara Bonilla Judicial Training School of Colombia, Supreme Court in Ukraine, and the Federal Judiciary and National Industrial Court of Nigeria, where his areas of expertise included case management, court security, and business process reengineering. He was a Lead Developer and Subject-Matter Expert

for the National Association for Court Management's Core Competencies for Court Administrators and has been published in a variety of journals. He is the writer and director of the award-winning feature documentary, *Why They Kill*, based on the book by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Richard Rhodes. He is co-author of the book, *Historical Dictionary of American Criminal Justice*, and author of *Courthouse Confidential: Unveiling Lessons Learned in Leading and Managing Trial Court Organizations*.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dr. Thomas Carey presented at the FEMA Higher Education 25th Symposium, Emmitsburg, Maryland in June 2023 on “Reflective tools for client-based service learning in emergency management curricula.”

Dr. Thomas Carey was the lead author of a study in 2022 with G. Contreras and A. Gheith titled “Short study abroad programs for emergency and disaster management curricula: Strategies for implication” in the *Journal of Security, Intelligence, and Resilience Education*.

Dr. Thomas Carey authored a book chapter in 2022 titled “Applying client-based service-learning to emergency management curricula” in L. Velotti, R.M., Brenner, & E.A. Dunn, (Eds.) *Service-learning for disaster resilience: Partnerships for social good* (1st ed., pp. 112-125). Routledge.

Professor Douglas Collier’s Community Engagement and Policing graduate course partnered with Amerigo A. Anastasia Middle School in West Long Branch, NJ to present research on Social Media Safety to students and parents at the school.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research “21st Century Crime: New York City’s Challenges and Opportunities” at the TrygghetNU [Safety, Security, & Protection] Conference in Stockholm, Sweden in April 2023.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research “Violence—A Hybrid Workplace and Public Health Issue” to the California Industrial Hygiene Council in Oakland, CA in November, 2022.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research “Climate and Energy Security, An Antinomy Unresolved: Implications for Homeland Security” at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Conference in Monterey, CA in November 2022.

Dr. John Comiskey presented his research “Unpacking the 2021 National Intelligence Estimate on Climate Change-Implications at the FEMA Region 2, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 2 Climate Change Roundtable in New York, NY in October 2022.

Dr. Meg Forney published an article with Jeffery T. Ward and Nathan W. Link titled “Mental and Physical Health, Psychosocial Maturity, and Desistance in Young Adulthood” in the *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*.

Dr. Peter Liu published a chapter titled “The Expansion of Governmental Control in China Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” in *Inequality and Governance in an Uncertain World: Perspectives on Democratic and Autocratic Governments*, edited by Saliba Sarsar and Rekha Datta, Lexington Books Publishers.

Dr. Peter Liu presented his research “COVID-19 and The Chinese Government Tightened Control” and “An Empirical Test of Development of the Social Bonds Among a Chinese-American Adult Sample” with Dr. Amy Y. Situ-Liu at the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA in November, 2022.

Dr. Brian Lockwood published a book chapter titled “Social distance” In E. R. Groff & C. P. Haberman (Eds.), *The study of crime and place: A methods handbook* (pp. 326-330). Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

STUDENT INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

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SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



This past summer I was given the opportunity to intern for Jersey City's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. My duties included assisting my supervisor and other members with the day-to-day operations of OEMHS and other public safety agencies within the city. I responded to major emergencies citywide such as fires, partial building collapses, major power outages, and learned to operate and maintain certain types of equipment including light towers, generators, and mobile camera trailers. In addition to those duties, I was able to witness how planning for important events was conducted, as well as participate in multiple community policing events with the Jersey City Police Department.

This experience was truly one of a kind and I couldn't have asked for anything more. I valued how hands-on this internship was and how everyone was eager to teach me the job. It was enjoyable to see how some aspects of the homeland security courses I have taken here at Monmouth play into real world scenarios. My biggest take away from this internship was the networking and connections I made throughout the summer. I was able to work alongside Directors, Chiefs, and Deputy Chiefs of all the public safety agencies within the city.

This past summer, I had the privilege of interning with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) in Florida, specifically within the Domestic Security Division's Counterterrorism Unit (CTU). During my internship, I played a pivotal role in School Threat Management data analysis, constructing timelines for potential threats, and conducting phone dumps for individuals with suspected links to overseas terrorist activities. In addition to these responsibilities, I actively participated in meetings, briefings, and attended significant events, such as the Threat Assessment and Threat Management initiative (TATM) hosted by the FBI and our county's annual Fourth of July fireworks event.

When I embarked on this internship, my primary goals were to expand my professional network and gain invaluable experience. I am thrilled to report that my expectations were not only met but exceeded during my time at SCSO. Through a diverse range of experiences, I witnessed firsthand the importance of collaborative teamwork, especially between agencies. My internship at SCSO not only equipped me with new skills and knowledge but also provided exceptional clarity regarding my career aspirations within the field of Homeland Security, all due to the vital connections and relationships developed here.

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