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**Criminology, Sociology, and
 Geography Newsletter**



Tomomi Hashimoto received the John C. Osoinach Memorial Scholarship.



Anita J. Marshall was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology Award for 2018. She successfully defended her thesis, "A Study of the Correlation between Women's Economic Empowerment and Intimate Partner Violence." Dr. Sarah Kendig was her Thesis Committee Chair.

Natallie Jemmott was the Outstanding Graduate Student in Criminology for 2018. Her professional paper was titled, "Bio-social Theory and Racial Violence: Nurture vs. Nature." Dr. Joseph Rukus was chair of her professional paper committee.

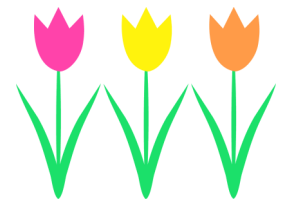
Ian Lowe was awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Criminology Award for 2018.



Patricia Burleigh was awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology Award for 2018. Her Honor's thesis was titled "Gendered Majoring: Exploring Patterns at National and Regional Levels, 2016." Dr. Veena Kulkarni was chair of her Honor's Thesis committee.

Awards Ceremony

Outstanding students in the Criminology, Sociology, and Geography Department were honored at a reception on Tuesday, April 10th in the Reng Student Center on the A-State Campus.



Department
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CSG Awards Reception





A Letter From The Chair:

The Spring semester is winding down and that means we are in close proximity to the summer. It has been an expectedly busy past three and a half months. The advising season is well underway. We have over 43 students who will have fulfilled all the requirements and will be ready to walk to receive their undergraduate and graduate degrees in the upcoming Commencement Ceremony on May 12. We are proud of all these students and of the four amongst them who were recognized as the best students at the Annual Convocation of Scholars Ceremony on April 10. The four students are Patricia Burleigh for BA Sociology, Ian Lowe for BA Criminology, Anita Marshall for MA Sociology and Natallie Jemmott for MA in Criminal Justice. This year's awardee of John C. Osoinach Scholarship prize is Tomomi Hashimoto. Her impeccable record made her the unanimous and obvious choice for the second time. Congratulations!!

On the research front, the list of publications and presentations is impressive. Rebecca Barrett-Fox, Matt Costello, Joe Rukus have had multiple publications stemming from the NIJ Grant including one with a graduate student, Kelly Mendes. Rebecca has an additional paper in print supported by the Crosscurrent Fellowship that she was awarded by and funded by Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, Auburn Seminary, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Turgut Ozkan had yet another success with his application to the Faculty Research Awards Committee. The project on mental health is progressing well with Joe recently having managed some funding from the offices of the sheriffs of the Craighead and Poinsett counties. Also, Joe and his students in his Social Justice course were on television. The story was featured in multiple news-casts, and the web link is enclosed later. Once again, we have managed to complete all the faculty searches successfully. The sociologist, Dr. Steven Panageotou and criminologists (soon to be) Drs. Jihoon Kim and Joshua Williams will be joining us beginning Fall 2018. Our revised undergraduate and graduate curricula starting Fall 2018 are expected to make our programs stronger and more in alignment with our mission to provide quality and comprehensive training to our students. The department hence appears to be well poised to enter the new academic year. Would like to sign off wishing you all the very best with completing the semester and for a wonderful summer.

Veena



Interested In Graduate School?

Are you interested in graduate school at Arkansas State University? The department of Criminology, Sociology, and Geography has two great graduate programs! You can get a Master's in Sociology or Criminal Justice. There are many benefits to graduate study including:

- Better job prospects
- Now more than ever upper-level jobs are requiring graduate degrees.
- Small class sizes
- Greater interaction with professors.
- A chance to get real world experience in academia with a graduate assistantship.

Contact Dr. Joseph Rukus (jrukus@astate.edu), Director of Graduate Programs for Criminology, Sociology, and Geography for more information. The deadline to apply for Fall 2018 is May 1st.

New Faculty and Staff

Dr. Jihoon Kim



Jihoon Kim is a South Korea native who received his Bachelor of Arts degree in February 2007 with a major in police administration from the Dongguk University. He was in ROTC during his undergraduate years at the Dongguk University and served 2 years in reconnaissance battalion. He earned his Master of Arts (2011) in criminal justice from Hansei University, and Doctor of Philosophy (2018) in criminology, law and society from the University of Florida. He was awarded several national and regional awards, including the ACJS international section graduate student paper award, the Ronald L. Akers graduate student paper award, and the SCJA outstanding student poster award. His research interests lie in the area of life course/developmental theory, juvenile delinquency, peer influence, cyber-crime, victimization, and quantitative analysis. His recent publications appear in academic journals such as *Crime & Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, and *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Jihoon enjoys watching X-Games and spending time outdoors bicycling, hiking, and kayaking. He is a third-degree black-belt in Judo, but no longer practices, and now merely enjoys watching Judo on YouTube.

Dr. Joshua Williams

Joshua Williams was born and raised in Las Vegas, until deciding to pursue his graduate career, ultimately landing him in St. Louis, where he obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In his spare time, he enjoys exercising, whether it be in the gym, hiking, or playing a pick-up game of soccer or basketball. As a hobby, he enjoys learning about health, fitness, and nutrition. He is a big fan of watching football, both college and professional.



Dr. Steven Panageotou



Steven Panageotou grew up in Baltimore, Maryland where he ate steamed blue crabs and absorbed Greek and Peruvian culture through his family. Always questioning why people do the things they do, he studied Sociology at the University of Tampa and graduated with his doctorate from the University of Tennessee in 2017. He reads widely in and loves to talk about democracy, globalization, culture, and theory. Steven enjoys running with his dog Odysseus, exploring new cities, cooking, watching science fiction, and being with his animals. He is getting married this summer and looks forward to exploring Jonesboro!

Alumni Spotlight



Alumni

We Want To Feature You

Our department would not be where it is without all of the alumni who have graced our classrooms over the years. If you are a recent or not so recent alumnus of the Criminology, Sociology, and Geography Department we want to feature you in our next edition of the newsletter. Please send us the following information so that we can share your story with current, future, and past students of the program.

- Your name
- Your graduation year
- A brief write-up about what you have been up to in the Criminology, Sociology, or Geography world lately.
- A square photo of yourself to feature alongside your snippet.

Please send all this information to the department at brbrown@astate.edu



Amber Gibson (MA Criminal Justice 2014, BA Criminology 2006) currently serves as Associate Director of Clinical Competence (ICC) at the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University. She trains and hires Standardized Patients. She is also an advisor for the Latino Medical Student Association and serves as team lead for the White Coat Ceremony for incoming students.

Amber was born in Jonesboro and attended school in Salem, Arkansas. She came to Arkansas State University in 2002 where she earned both her degrees. She has one teenaged son. She enjoys spending her free time around the water or enjoying baseball or traveling. She also serves as a volunteer in the community.

Amber believes that working and being a single mom while attending college taught her to persevere and overcome obstacles and challenges no matter what came her way. She was excited to be on the ground floor of the new NYIT college on the A-State campus. She began her career at NYIT-Jonesboro in November 2015.

She would advise current students to be kind, understanding, thoughtful with your time, and never stop learning. She also believes if you are unhappy, be willing to change something, even if it seems insignificant. Never stop doing your best. Lastly, and most importantly, treat the homeless person on the street in the same manner you would treat the richest person in the world: with kindness and compassion. Don't worry for what others will do for you; continue to do for yourself.



Alumni News



Lori L. Hall (MA Criminal Justice 2013) successfully defended her dissertation "Race and Online Hate: Exploring the Relationship between Race and the Likelihood of Exposure to Hate Material Online" at Virginia Tech in December 2017. She was awarded her PhD in Sociology on December 20, 2017. She is Assistant Professor at Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Current Faculty Publications

Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Accepted for publication: "Comic, Tragic, and Burlesque Burlesque Responses to Hate: Notes from Counterprotests of Anti-Gay Pickets," *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest*. Forthcoming Summer 2018.

"400 Words at a Time: Transforming Our Writing in Academia," a book chapter that will be part of the collection *Writing as a Way of Staying Human in a Time that Isn't*.

Dr. Matthew Costello

Costello, Matthew and James Hawdon. "Online Routines, Social Groups Identity, and the Perpetration of Hate." *Violence and Gender*

Bernatzky, Colin, Matthew Costello, and James Hawdon. 2018. "Cyber-Routines, Political Attitudes, and Exposure to Violence-Advocating Online Extremism." Forthcoming at *Social Forces*.

Costello, Matthew, James Hawdon, Kelly Mendes, and Colin Bernatzky. 2018. "Reactions to Online Hate: The Influence of Social Identities and Routines" Forthcoming at *Sociological Inquiry*.

Costello, Matthew, Rebecca Barrett-Fox, Colin Bernatzky, James Hawdon, and Kelly Mendes. 2018. "Predictors of Viewing Online Extremism among America's Youth." *Youth and Society*. DOI: 10.1177/0044118X18768115.

Costello, Matthew. 2018. "Oil and Gas Rents and Civilian Violence in the Middle East and North Africa, 1990 – 2004: A Resource Curse, or Rentier Peace?" *Social Sciences (Special Issue: The Politics of Peace and Conflict)*. v7(3), 39.

Costello, Matthew, Joseph Rukus, and James Hawdon. 2018. "We Don't Like Your Type Around Here: Regional and Residential Differences in Exposure to Online Hate Material Targeting Sexuality" *Deviant Behavior*. DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2018.1426266.

Dr. Sarah Kendig

Crosnoe, Robert, Sarah M. Kendig, and Aprile D. Benner. 2017. "College-Going and Trajectories of Drinking from Adolescence into Adulthood." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 58(2): 252-269.

Dr. Monika Myers

2017 Myers, Monika. "The Syllabus as a Waiting Room." Published in *Teaching and Learning Matters* 46 (1).

Dr. Veena Kulkarni

Kulkarni, V.S., & Barnes, D.F. (2017). Education in rural Peru: Exploring the role of household electrification in the school enrollment. *Journal of Research in Rural Education*, 32(10), 1-19.

Dr. Turgut Ozkan

"Dr. Ozkan and our graduate students, Justin Gibson and LaVonda Evans, have recently finished a research project on mental health and antisocial outcomes. Their work is currently under review in a respectable journal.

Dr. Ozkan also has just finished another project on mental health with co-authors from different universities. They specifically investigated how depression can play a role in adolescent antisocial behaviors. Their work is currently under review.

Current Faculty Publications cont.

Dr. Joseph Rukus:

Costello, M., Rukus, J., & Hawden, J (2018). We don't like your type around here: Regional and residential differences in exposure to online hate material targeting sexuality. *Deviant Behavior*, early view, DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2018.1426266.

Dr. Bill Stroud

"Innovative Potable Water Saving Techniques at Cape Coral," *Florida Water Resources Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 4, 2017, pp. 12 – 16 (with Mary K. Kilmer).

"Preserving Habitat for the Florida Burrowing Owl: Challenges and Solutions from Cape Coral, Florida," *Urban Naturalist*, (currently under review) (with Mary K. Kilmer), Spring, 2018.

Dr. Matthew Wright

Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna Hammersmith, and **Matthew R. Wright**. Forthcoming. "Later Life Dissolution and Repartnering Pathways: A National Portrait." *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. (available online. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbw051).

Lin, I-Fen, Susan L. Brown, **Matthew R. Wright**, and Anna M. Hammersmith. "Antecedents of Gray Divorce: A Life Course Perspective." Forthcoming. *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. (available online. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbw164).

Brown, Susan L., and **Matthew R. Wright**. 2017. "Marriage, Cohabitation, and Divorce in Later Life." *Innovation in Aging* 1(2): 1-11.

Wright, Matthew R., and Susan L. Brown. 2017. "Psychological Well-Being among Older Adults: The Role of Partnership Status." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79: 833-849.

CSG Club

The CSG Club is an interdisciplinary club in the Criminology, Sociology, & Geography Department at Arkansas State University. The purpose of the club is to promote scholarship, foster achievements within the college arena, and increase awareness in the criminology, sociology, and geography disciplines. Any student currently enrolled at Arkansas State University and its satellite campuses is eligible for membership. Membership is exclusive to those students declaring a major or minor within the Department of Criminology, Sociology, and Geography or a related academic field of study.



Wedding Shower Fun



Wednesday, March 28th the department hosted a wedding shower for Brianna, our Administrative Specialist. Congratulations to Brianna and Josh on their upcoming wedding on April 28th.





CSG Holiday Party



Current Faculty News and Research

Glimpses of the CSG Dept. at work.....



Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox:

Dr. Barrett-Fox recently attended the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. And will be attending the American Educational Research Association Meeting in NYC to present on how to work with students who consume hate media/hold hateful opinions. The presentation is titled "Some Ways to Educate People Out of Hate and to Counteract the Ways They are Educated into It."

Dr. Turgut Ozkan:

Dr. Ozkan works with Dr. Joe Rukus and our graduate students, Lavonda Evans and Justin Gibson on officer-involved shootings.

Dr. Veena Kulkarni:

Dr. Kulkarni's ongoing projects include exploring living arrangements among immigrant population, examining the correlation between mental health and incarceration in rural jails and prevalence of physical disabilities among the elderly in India.

Dr. Bill Stroud:

Presentations:

"Water Woes within Amenity-based Subdivisions," American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 8, 2017.

"Setbacks Stall Subdivision Removal," American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12, 2018.

Dr. Sarah Kendig:

Kendig, Sarah M., Robert Crosnoe, and Shannon Cavanagh. "Union Formation and Alcohol Use during the Transition to Adulthood." In preparation.

Martin-Storey, Alexa, Sarah M. Kendig, and Robert Crosnoe.

"Trajectories of Depressive Symptoms in the Transition to Adulthood: The Intersection of Sexual Minority Status, Gender, and SES." In preparation.

Kendig, Sarah M., Kate Prickett, and Stefanie Mollborn. "Teenage Mothers' Time with Children." In preparation.

Kendig, Sarah M. and Stefanie Mollborn. "Teenage Mothers' Educational Trajectories after Childbirth." In preparation.

Dr. Monika Myers:

2017 Myers, Monika J. U. "Secrets Sociologists Know About How To Have a Good Family Life" Presented at the Women of Light Conference in Albuquerque, September 16. Invited speaker.

CSG at work....

Body Cam Imagery Subject of Social Justice Class Interview

KJNB was interested in how classrooms were addressing the controversial body cam imagery of an officer in Walnut Ridge. They chose Dr Rukus' Social Justice Class to discuss the issue. Here is a link to the article:

<http://www.kjnbv.com/single-post/2018/04/23/KJNB-TV-Late-News-First-Block-Thursday-4-19-18>



Dr. Veena Kulkarni, a key note speaker at the International Conference on Aging Well held in Cochin, Kerala India, January 11-13, 2018



Current Faculty News and Research, Cont.

Dr. Matthew Wright:

Brown, Susan L., I-Fen Lin, Anna M. Hammersmith, and Matthew R. Wright. "Repartnering Following Gray Divorce." *Revise and Resubmit at Demography.*

Wright, Matthew R., Susan L. Brown, and Wendy D. Manning. "Midlife Marital Quality: Twenty-Five Years of Change." *Under Review at Journal of Marriage and Family.*



Alpha Kappa Delta

Learn More About Alpha Kappa Delta

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) is the International Sociology Honor Society.

The Mission Statement: Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition.

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Alpha Kappa Delta is a non-secret, democratic, international society of scholars dedicated to the ideal of Athropon

Katamanthanein Diakonesin or "to investigate humanity for the purpose of service."

Membership is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members from active chapters who meet the minimum standards. Currently, there are more than 120,000 members in Alpha Kappa Delta and over 660 chapters.

Dr. Matthew Wright is the Faculty sponsor for the Alpha Kappa Delta Chapter at Arkansas State University.

The Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, here at A-State, sponsors many activities for students, such as faculty/student celebrations, the annual research symposium, and various other scholastic activities.



Alpha Phi Sigma

Learn More About Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes academic excellence of Undergraduate and Graduate students of Criminal Justice, as well as Juris Doctorate students.

The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity.

Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society which is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies and affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Dr. Matthew Costello is the Faculty advisor for the Alpha Phi Sigma chapter at Arkansas State University.