



**CSG
Newsletter**

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Newsletter Staff

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Editor

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CSG Club Officers

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A note from the editor...



I think it is safe to say, 2020 has been anything but normal. We have embraced a number of changes in a short amount of time, and overcame many obstacles that seemed to happen overnight. However, in true Red Wolf fashion, the department and its students rose to the challenge and continued to do what we do best – Succeed!

While it is impossible to know what is going to happen in the future, there is one thing I know for certain; the CSG Department—it’s faculty and staff—along with the University, share in seeing tomorrow’s future grow by continuing to provide the best educational opportunities and support to our students, regardless of what life may throw our way. With that, I wish the faculty, staff, and students of the CSG Department a wonderful Fall ’20 semester – with a touch of normalcy on top!

**SPRING 2020
CONVOCATION OF SCHOLARS**

Trey Sykes
MA Criminal Justice

Robert McCord
MA Sociology

Sydney Morgan
BA Criminology

Annica Karlsson
BA Sociology

Kaylan Erving
John C. Osoinach Scholarship

CSG Club Events



Spring 2020
Students, Faculty, and Club Officers visited the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Its exhibits trace the history of the civil rights movement in the United States from the 17th century to the present.

[Visit the Museum Website](#)

"When people are forced to respect civil rights and human rights or face legal consequences, they don't like it. Civil rights laws will be scrupulously observed only when people accept that it is morally wrong to oppress or discriminate against fellow human beings. That awareness can come only through education."

~ Arun Gandhi (Legacy of Love: My Education in the Path of Nonviolence)



Welcome to A-STATE!

Dr. Averil Fegadel

Assistant Professor

Averil Fegadel, Assistant Professor of Criminology, is equal parts New York and Florida. She grew up in the Hudson Valley, New York then moved to the Tampa Bay area in Florida after high school. While living in Florida, Averil earned a Bachelor of Arts (2009) in anthropology, a Master of Arts (2014) in criminology, and a Doctor of Philosophy (2020) in criminology all from the University of South Florida. Her research focuses on the intersection of corporate crime, environmental justice, and genocide. During her last year at USF, Averil received the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award from the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. She also has a recent publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Genocide Research*. In her spare time, Averil enjoys reading, playing board games, and tending to her "plant babies." She is looking forward to exploring Jonesboro and taking advantage of all that Arkansas has to offer.



Dr. Margaret Mahoney

Assistant Professor - AOS Online

Dr. Mahoney (pronouns: she/her/hers) earned her Ph.D. in 2017 from the University of Delaware. Her research and teaching emphases center on gender, crime, and victimization. Her dissertation research examined the concepts of rurality, social control, and victimology. Specifically, she looked at the reporting behaviors of physical assault victims and the response time of police officers to these reported assaults. Dr. Mahoney lives in Minot, North Dakota.



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Dr. Della Winters

Assistant Professor

Della Winters grew up in Ohio before moving to East Tennessee to complete her doctoral work. Her dissertation, “(In)Voluntary: How Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives Became Mechanisms of Reproductive Control in the Volunteer State”, highlights her interdisciplinary research interests in Criminology, Law & Society, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Critical Race Theory, and Family Studies. Della enjoys hiking, practicing yoga, watching movies with her dog Lucy, and is looking forward to seeing live music again, post-pandemic.



Mrs. LaVonda Evans

Administrative Specialist

LaVonda Evans grew up in Missouri before moving to Arkansas. The fruits of her labor include an AAS in Criminal Justice, a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies, & an MA in Sociology. Her thesis is titled “Beyond the Rhetoric of Homeschool Socialization: An Analysis of the Parental Perspective”, and she is a homeschool advocate. During her time at ASU, she was a Graduate Assistant, published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, and continues supporting the field as a peer reviewer. LaVonda resides in Paragould with her husband Rodney. They have 5 children: Kasidy (22), Kristopher (19), Kody (14), Kanon (13), and Kelley (8), and a Shih Tzu named Oreo. LaVonda enjoys homeschooling her children, blogging, watching true crime documentaries and is delighted to be a part of an amazing department.



Updates

Dear Faculty,
Please submit titles and publication information on your recent research and works-in-progress by December 1st to be included in the Spring '21 Newsletter.



Dear 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 past, current, and future 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 completed information to the CSG department at levans@astate.edu.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Faculty:
Each semester, we highlight an undergraduate and graduate student who has excelled in his or her program. Please submit your student's information along with a snapshot photo to be included in the department newsletter. Please include the students:

- Name
- Major
- Expected graduation date
- A write up of how they have excelled in the program
- Career Goals they have after completing their degree.

Deadline for submissions is December 1st for the Spring edition, and May 1st for the Fall edition.



Criminology, Sociology, & Geography

Have department news you want to share?

Email LaVonda at levans@astate.edu

to have your announcement included in the newsletter