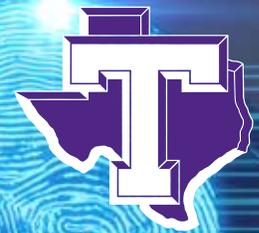


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Consent Decree Conference 2019

On Oct. 16-18, the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies and the Federal Bar Association hosted the third annual Consent Decree Conference which focused on police reform. The conference brought together all the parties involved in consent decrees. This included Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys who investigate and then negotiate these decrees to the police chiefs who are subject to the consent decree, from the monitors who determine police compliance to the federal judges themselves. With representation from Albuquerque, Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans, Puerto Rico, Seattle and the Virgin Islands, conference participants engaged in candid discussion, sharing not only their own lessons learned, but also ideas on how to improve. Under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the DOJ has authority to investigate, and if necessary bring suit, whenever there is reason to believe a local police department has engaged in a pattern or practice of unconstitutional conduct. Acting under this authority, the DOJ has investigated hundreds of police forces and brought suit against more than 60 of them. In most cases the DOJ and the city involved have entered into a consent decree of several year's length, to be supervised by a court-appointed federal monitor.

First PhD Cohort

An inaugural cohort of Criminal Justice PhD students started their classes at the new Tarleton Fort Worth building on Aug. 26, 2019. The cohort consists of nine students, many of whom are state and federal law enforcement officers. In the fall, the students took classes on research methods design and professional seminar. This spring, the doctoral students will learn more about the issues of diversity in the criminal justice system and models of predictive policing. These students are expected to complete their doctoral degrees in summer of 2023. Criminal Justice PhD in Tarleton is a face-to-face cohort program designed for working professionals and approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Tarleton RELLIS Criminal Justice Class Welcomes FBI for an Explosives Lecture

The Criminal Justice Survey of Forensic Sciences class welcomed KC L. Wendler, chemist – forensic examiner, The Terrorist Explosives Device Analytical Center (TEDAC) and Special Agent Megan E. Casler, Special Agent, New York Field Office for a guest lecture on explosion forensics and investigation on April 23, 2019. Students were able to learn how explosives are made and collected and analyzed safely in the FBI lab facilities at TEDAC. Students were also educated on the various scientific instrumentation needed to analyze the electrical, mechanical and chemical composition of explosive devices. Forensic Examiner Wendler and Agent Casler also discussed the general process of terrorism investigations involving explosive devices both in the United States and abroad. Students were also able to ask questions about FBI internship possibilities, and the process of becoming a forensic scientist or a field agent with the FBI.



Murder Fact and Fiction: Dinner with a Prof Event

On Oct. 2, 2019, **Dr. Katherine M. Brown**, Department of Criminal Justice, was the featured speaker for the RELLIS Dinner with a Prof event. Students from all disciplines at RELLIS and Blinn College were invited to Dr. Brown's talk entitled "*Mindhunter Season 2: Fact or Fiction.*"

The talk featured a discussion of Season 2 of *Mindhunter* television series in which the Atlanta Child Murders investigation involvement by the (at the time) newly created FBI Behavioral Science Unit occurred. The season focuses on the series of 23 child murders occurring between 1979 and 1981 in Atlanta, Ga. The murders were subsequently connected to Wayne Williams. Williams was eventually convicted of two of the murders. Dr. Brown, an expert in child murder, helped separate fact from fiction in the series and discussed the real Atlanta Child Murders investigation and her work with child murder investigations.

STUDENT NEWS



On Aug. 28, the RELIS Academic Alliance had a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of their new campus. Criminal Justice student **James Hass**, had the privilege to take part in cutting the ribbon with Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp and Blinn College Chancellor Mary Hensley.



Public Administration master's student **Sarah Crain** defended her thesis at the end of the Spring 2019 semester. Crain's thesis examined the variables necessary for a successful transition from military service to society. She looked at the unique challenges veterans face adjusting to civilian life struggles like PTSD and translating military skills into gainful employment. While interviewing key personnel at statewide organizations that help veterans reintegrate, she found that there is a significant lack of funding for these types of programs. By presenting her thesis to the community, she helped an organization receive a \$50,000 donation.

Rifle Team

On Oct. 10, Rifle Team members Dylan Overstreet (second from left in photo) and Mathew Sellers (far right) participated in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Oklahoma City Games, a series of matches held at the regional level but drawing shooters from across the country. In the Small Arms Firing School match, Overstreet came in third, Sellers fourth, from a field of 33 participants. Overstreet's total score for the four-stage match was 370/400 with Sellers closely following with 369/400. Both earned points toward the prestigious "Distinguished Shooter Badge". Overstreet



was a criminal justice major and a May 2019 graduate shooting as an alumni member of the Rifle Team. Sellers is a GIS major with a criminal justice minor.



Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Brianna Karasek first gained exposure to law enforcement through the local Explorer program, which then led to a degree in criminal justice. After graduation, she is doing research in the criminal justice field before continuing her education pursuing a graduate degree. Karasek has hopes to specialize in homeland security and eventually work in counter-terrorism operations. Karasek is from Dublin, Texas.



Outstanding Graduate Student

Glen Cowen has been a sergeant with the Houston Police Department for 11 years. He is a member of the HPD Hostage Negotiation Team as well as a Master Peace Officer. Cowen received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M-Commerce in 1993, and continued his education by receiving his master's degree in criminal justice in December 2019. He currently lives in Houston with his wife and three children.

First PhD Cohort

Student Bios

Lt. Christopher Cook is an award-winning speaker and subject matter expert in the field of social media and media relations for public safety. As a lieutenant for the Arlington Police Department, he oversees the Public Information Office and has led the Arlington Police Department's public and media relations strategies since 2011. Lt. Cook holds a MA in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Texas and a Master Peace Officer Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Cook's research interests include communications, social media, public perception of crime, and critical incident mitigation. He plans to teach full-time upon graduation and consult for public safety agencies.

Kevin Denney has 27 years in law enforcement, including 24 with the Irving Police Department. After retiring from Irving, and for the past three years, he has been the chief of police for the 18-member Red Oak ISD Police Department. Over his career in law enforcement, he has served in many areas including patrol, city jail, communications, school resource officer supervisor, SWAT team supervisor, undercover narcotics officer, as well as investigations as both an officer and supervisor. He received his B.S. in sociology from Texas A&M in 1991. He earned his master's in criminal justice in 2016 and a master's of public administration in 2019, both from Tarleton State University. Kevin is currently enrolled in the first criminal justice PhD program with Tarleton where he plans to focus on evolving issues related to school-based law enforcement. He firmly believes his accomplishments thus far would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of his wonderful wife, Tessa.

Richard Savage graduated in 1999 with bachelor's degrees in psychology and social work from Lubbock Christian University. Savage began his career in law enforcement with Dallas Police Department, where he worked in an undercover unit that focused on property and violent crimes. He moved to the Grapevine Police Department two years later, in 2001. Promoted to sergeant in 2006, he served as a traffic/motor sergeant, patrol sergeant, and even created a specialized unit focused on issues such as gangs, drugs, prostitution, and bait-vehicle programs. In 2019, Savage was temporarily assigned to Uniform Operations as a lieutenant (patrol commander) where he is currently working. Savage returned to school and graduated from Tarleton in May 2017 with a master's degree in criminal justice. Savage would like to research cybercrime as it relates to insurance fraud and the effects the Sandra Bland Act has on law enforcement within racial profiling data reporting. After graduating with his doctoral degree in criminology, Savage hopes to retire from law enforcement, teach at a university, become a consultant, and Federal Monitor for Federal Consent Decrees.

Troy Lawrence is a 30-plus year veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department and is currently a sergeant assigned to the Digital Forensic Lab. Lawrence began his forensic career in 2000 and received his CFCE on Sept. 13, 2001. Lawrence is the director of training for IACIS since 2012 and taught in Germany, Croatia, Estonia, Spain, and New Zealand in addition to the U.S. He is responsible for coordinating all IACIS training

curriculum and staff around the world. He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Texas Wesleyan University and his master's degree in digital forensics from Sam Houston State University. After earning his PhD and retiring from the Fort Worth Police Department, Lawrence plans on teaching graduate students about forensic science and criminal justice at the collegiate level. His research interests include mobile phone forensics, computer forensics, and video forensics.

Michael Thomas graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2002 with a master's degree in criminology and criminal justice. In 2018, he retired from the Arlington Police Department, where he supervised the Crime Analysis Unit. Since 2005, he has served as an adjunct, teaching both lecture and online criminal justice courses to include criminal law, investigations, administration, research, criminal theory, juvenile justice, ethics and diversity. His research interests include transnational terrorism, police use of force, public perception of police procedure, procedural justice, predictive policing and the validity of agency data. Upon completion of his PhD, Thomas would like to join academia and continue consulting with law enforcement agencies.

Mark Brown began his career in law enforcement in 1998 at the county level and transitioned to federal law enforcement in 2001. Brown is currently employed as a criminal investigator and is an active member of his agency's tactical team as an operator and medic. Brown routinely instructs across the United States at the basic, intermediate and advanced level in a variety of topics related to tactics, tactical medicine, firearms and less lethal weapons systems. His research interests include tactical medicine, use of force, cybercrime, media influence in perceptions of police conduct and civil rights issues. Brown holds a bachelor's degree from Dallas Baptist University, master's degree from UT Tyler in communication and a master's degree in criminal justice from Tarleton State University. After graduation, Brown plans to teach criminal justice related topics, provide advanced training for law enforcement and assist police agencies with data analysis to better serve their constituents.

Reagan Bryant spent eight years as an adult probation officer. During that time, she worked in the misdemeanor courts unit, the transfer unit, supervised a medium/maximum risk felony caseload and spent the last four years working a mental health caseload. She also volunteered for the DWI Victim Impact Panel monthly and served on a federal taskforce with the purpose of combatting human trafficking. She currently is teaching at Benbrook Middle-High School in the Fort Worth ISD. She teaches yearbook, Pre-AP English 3, and dual enrollment English. She is serving on the Campus Employee Relations Committee, the Site Based Decision Making team, the District Employee Relations Committee, sponsors the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a tutor for Project Reach. Bryant is interested in research in the areas of policing, human trafficking, and the connections between the criminal justice system and mental health, and the criminal justice system and the education system. Upon graduating with her PhD she is looking forward to becoming a researcher and consultant.

For more information on
Criminal Justice
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In October, the Army ROTC sent four cadets (Colton Owens, Garret Wood, William Corrigan, Daniel Churchill) to the 35th Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C. Attending the ATM is a unique campus broadening opportunity. While in the National Capital Region, the cadets toured the Capitol, National Archives and White House.

On Aug. 28th, Cadets Jerry Addington, Justin Bray, Joseph Dandridge, Claire Jean-Baptiste, Paxton Layman, Justin Trussell, Garrett Wood and Jacob Worley contracted into the Army ROTC program. The Cadets raised their right hand and stated the oath given by Lt. Col. John Bradley. Their hard work and dedication to the ROTC program has paid off. We would like to wish these Cadets good luck in their years to come here at Tarleton State University. Congratulations!



ROTC/Corps of Cadets



In October, the Texan Battalion Cadets' successfully completed events in a field training exercise in Fort Hood, Texas to increase readiness, decision making, leadership competency, and team work in a tactical environment. This event better prepared Cadets for success at CST and future training events. MSIVs successfully planned and supervised all activities, synchronizing events across a complex training environment to better prepare them for future roles as 2nd Lieutenants.

The Tarleton Texan Corps of Cadets delivered a tremendous showing as they led the "Pass in Review" for the Military Appreciation Game between Texas A&M vs South Carolina on Nov. 16. The Texan Corps of Cadets was led by Cadet Paxton Layman as Commander from Leander, Cadet Daniel Churchill as guidon bearer from Dallas, and Cadet William Sproull as first sergeant from Richardson. They marched as one 70-cadet block for the march-in at Kyle Field. This was a wonderful opportunity to announce the Texan Corps of Cadets to the 100,000-plus fans in College Station. They were chosen to lead all 2,500 Texas A&M Cadets and the 600 former Texas A&M Cadets who marched in for "Rally to the Guidons" for that weekend. The Cadets enjoyed the interaction with their fellow Cadets of the Texas A&M University Cadet Corps and exchanged many ideas and patches/uniform pieces as they admired each other's uniforms. This was the inaugural Tarleton Corps trip and BG Joe Ramirez insisted that a march-in by the Tarleton Corps needs to be a yearly event. The Cadets truly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to future collaboration activities between the two Corps.



Steve Dye, Chief of Police Grand Prairie Police Department



Chief Steve Dye is a lifelong Texan who received his bachelor of science degree from Sam Houston State University and his master of criminal justice from Tarleton State University. He began his police career with the Houston Police Department in 1984 and also served with the Arlington

and Garland Police Departments in various assignments including patrol, SWAT, street-level narcotics, mounted patrol, and in the traffic unit as a motorcycle officer. Chief Dye was an assistant chief in Garland and chief in Colleyville before being selected as the chief of police for the Grand Prairie Police Department in July of 2011. In 2018, Steve was promoted to deputy city manager, as well as chief of police. His deputy city manager responsibilities include oversight of the city's police, fire, airport, housing/neighborhood services, solid waste/recycling, community revitalization, animal services, and environmental quality departments.

Chief Dye is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police, LEMIT Command Staff Leadership Series, and the FBI's Leadership in Counterterrorism program. He holds his Master Peace Officer Certification and is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Texas Police Chiefs Association, and the North Texas Police Chiefs Association. He serves on the IACP Terrorism Committee, FBI's North Texas Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory Executive Board, and is a co-chair of the Special Olympics Texas – Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee. Chief Dye is committed to a community policing philosophy and the formation of stakeholder partnerships to improve the quality of life in Grand Prairie. Chief Dye founded the UNIDOS, Cowboy Cops, and MotorCops for Kids community programs, as well as the GPPD Youth Boxing Gym initiative. His departments have twice been awarded the IACP Community Policing Award. Chief Dye is a published author and instructor regarding crime reduction programs, police legitimacy, leadership, and community policing.

Steve has been married for 29 years and he and his wife have two daughters.

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The Institute of
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Policing Science



GeoTime Training

The Institute of Predictive and Analytical Policing Science hosted the second GeoTime training on Oct. 24 (level 1) and Oct. 25 (level 2) for members of the law enforcement community on call records analysis. Call records analysis is an emerging tool for law enforcement that analyzes locations, time and social network of criminal suspects through cell phone data. The second level of training also provided skills on mapping, visualization and court testimony for geocoded data from email pings, GPS, Cellebrite, XRY, and social media accounts. The training was attended by both crime analysts and criminal investigators from Fort Worth PD, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Carlton PD, Pasadena PD, Corinth PD and UTA PD.

A Level 2 class, set for August, will cover call data record importing basics, including handling cell tower lists, merging records and playing back call records over time. Participants will learn how to produce animated videos of data for court testimony and intelligence reporting.



Several of our faculty participated in the Fort Worth Faculty Research Poster Showcase on Oct. 30. This event was a part of Research and Scholarship Appreciation Week that celebrates the scholarly accomplishments across all of the campuses.

Fort Worth Faculty Research Poster Showcase



Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy
 Department of Public Administration
"Evaluating the Equity of State Policies Designed to Resolve Patient/Provider Disputes Regarding Continued Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment"



Drs. Chris Copeland, Olga Semukhina and Alex del Carmen
 Department of Criminal Justice
"Exploration of Themes in Hurricane Harvey on Twitter"



Dr. Rhonda Dobbs and Courtney Waid
 Department of Criminal Justice
"Perceptions of the Death Penalty in Two U.S. States"



Dr. Tara Shelley
 Department of Criminal Justice
"The Nature and Extent of Intimate Partner Related Strangulation Incidents"

New Faces



Harpreet Dheer-Dixon works part time as a graduate research assistant while pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice. As a graduate research assistant, their job primarily consists of data retrieval, cleaning and reporting duties, etc., for faculty on a National Institute of Justice, U.S. DOJ Grant.

Harpreet also works as an ITPM manager for a non-profit organization that helps high school students achieve their higher education goals. In their free time they enjoy nature walks and outdoor activities, such as hiking and bicycling.

Brenden Perfect is a certified research administrator and finds great satisfaction in helping faculty with their project administration. He has a background in accounting and auditing but started his research administration career in the central office at Northern Arizona University in 2014. More recently, Brenden worked at UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth after moving to Texas with his family. His passions include that weird British sport, cricket, but has also taken to playing golf. Brenden is pleased to be here and looking forward to helping the department administer its research grants.

Johnathan Hicks is a retired police officer who is married with a teenage daughter. He is working as a graduate research assistant while completing his master's degree in criminal justice. Johnathan is currently assigned to the NIJ Grant-funded project "Assessing an Innovative Response to Intimate Partner Violence Related Strangulation Phase 1."



Dr. SooHyun O is an assistant professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies at Tarleton State University, RELLIS Campus. Dr. O received her PhD in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati, School of Criminal Justice. Her current research examines

juvenile delinquency, juvenile victimization at school, crime hot spot forecasting, and the relationship between land use and crime. Her research has recently appeared in *Crime Prevention & Community Safety* journal, *Crime Science*, *Victims & Offenders*, and *Police Science and Management*.



Riley Odom is the new administrative assistant in Fort Worth for the Department of Criminal Justice. She is an alumna of Tarleton State University with a BS in communication studies with an emphasis on public relations and event management. She was a student worker at the College of

Graduate Studies during her time at Tarleton and was born and raised in Stephenville, Texas.

Dr. Jesse Helligso is an assistant professor of public administration at the RELLIS campus in Bryan, Texas. He received his PhD in public affairs, governance and public policy analysis from the University of Central Florida in 2018. While at Central Florida he received the Presidential Doctoral Fellowship, the highest-level fellowship from the University of Central Florida only given to 12 PhD students university-wide. Prior to attending the PhD program, he attained a master of arts in political science from the University of Central Florida in 2007 and began teaching political science at Valencia College in Orlando, Fla. Dr. Helligso's research interests are: health care policy, health economics, comparative health care markets, health insurance markets, and economic and statistical modeling. His current research focuses on comparative analysis of health outcomes of the developed world based on differences in health policy and systems; and analyzing the demand for health insurance in the Health Care Exchanges established by the Affordable Care Act.



Achievements



Dr. Tara Shelley received the Core Value Award for Excellence from One Safe Place. As co-director of the Institute on Violence Against Women and Human Trafficking, Dr. Shelley has completed numerous research projects and presentations on behalf of One Safe Place.



Casey Heath helped to secure grant funding for the Tarleton Police Department to purchase 17 body cameras and support equipment. The total sum they received was nearly \$36,000.

In August, **Dr. Matt Bagwell** was named the interim director of the public administration programs. Public administration programs, the BSPA at the Bryan-RELLIS campus, and the MPA at the Fort Worth campus and online, provide graduates with the unique set of skills that are highly applicable in many related professional career fields.



Dr. Barry Lambert, Dr. Chris Copeland, and Mr. Troy Thorne visited Washington D.C. in September to showcase the research and capabilities of Institute of Homeland Security and Cybercrime lead by Dr. Copeland. The trio visited several House of Representatives committees including the House Committee of Homeland Security and Government Affairs, the House Judiciary Committee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and the Sub-Committee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism. Dr. Copeland, Dr. Lambert, and Mr. Thorne also met with the staff of Sens. Cruz and Cornyn.



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Semukhina, Olga. Police Reform: From Concepts to Cases. Reader and discussant. Book review presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Washington DC, May 30 - June 2, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. Tortured by Russian Police: Legal Remedies Through the Eyes of Victims. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Washington DC, May 30-June 2, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. Courts, Bureaucracy and Politics in Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Turkey. Chaired session at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Washington DC, May 30-June 2, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. PROVE utility: Predictive Modeling Combining Short and Long-Term Crime Risk Potential. Paper presented at Texas Law Enforcement Analyst Network Training, Houston, TX, June 17-18, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. Professional Trajectories of Law Enforcement Officers in Russia: Longitudinal Analysis from 2005 to 2018. Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. With **Christopher Copeland**. Roundtable: Data Collection on the Darknet, Darkweb, and Deepweb. Roundtable discussion presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. Exploring Discretionary Decisions by the Russian Criminal Investigators to Arraign Defendants in Cases of Police Abuse. Paper presented at the Annual Convention for the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, CA, November 23-26, 2019

Semukhina, Olga. Socio-Political Dimensions of Illegal Markets in Post-Soviet Countries. Chaired sessions at the Annual Convention for the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, San Francisco, CA, November 23-26, 2019

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DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

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- Online application
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Phone interview with program coordinator



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Master of Criminal Justice

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- Interview with PhD admissions committee
- Thesis writing sample

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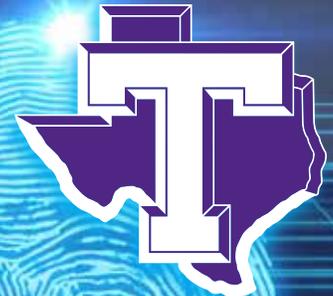
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