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PhD in Criminal Justice coming this fall semester

This fall semester, the Department of Criminal Justice will welcome the first Ph.D. cohort in University history.

The doctorate in criminal justice will focus on predictive and analytical policing. The program prepares students to face the growing complexities of the criminal justice system and to join educated criminal justice professionals with advanced analytical, critical thinking, and leadership skills. "Tarleton's pursuit of strong, new degree programs — like the Ph.D. in criminal justice — is evidence of our continued commitment to respond to the changing academic and professional needs of our students and

the communities we serve," said COLFA Associate Dean Dr. Alex del Carmen. Graduates of the program will be able to demonstrate leadership abilities, research, content knowledge, oral and written communication, ethics, and the mastery of skills and knowledge to be able to teach at the collegiate level. The Ph.D. in criminal justice is delivered in a weekend cohort format at the Fort Worth campus, enabling students to work and learn toward their degree in a group setting. Students in cohorts learn to become interactive, develop team-based skills and gain networking opportunities.



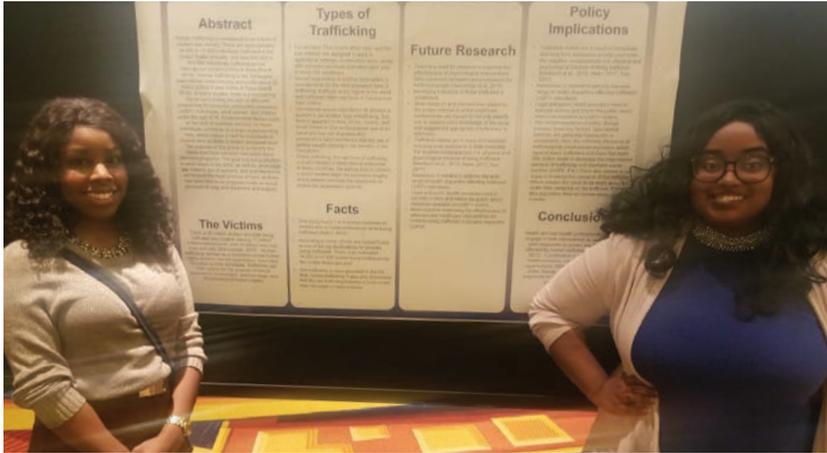
In the Classroom

Dr. Kathy Brown's CRJ 3301 (Survey of Forensic Science) class at the RELIS campus participated in a fingerprinting lab. The students had to roll a 10-print card with their own fingerprints and then lift a print from an object for a comparison.

RELIS student James Haas (pictured above) lifting a fingerprint from a water bottle.



STUDENT NEWS



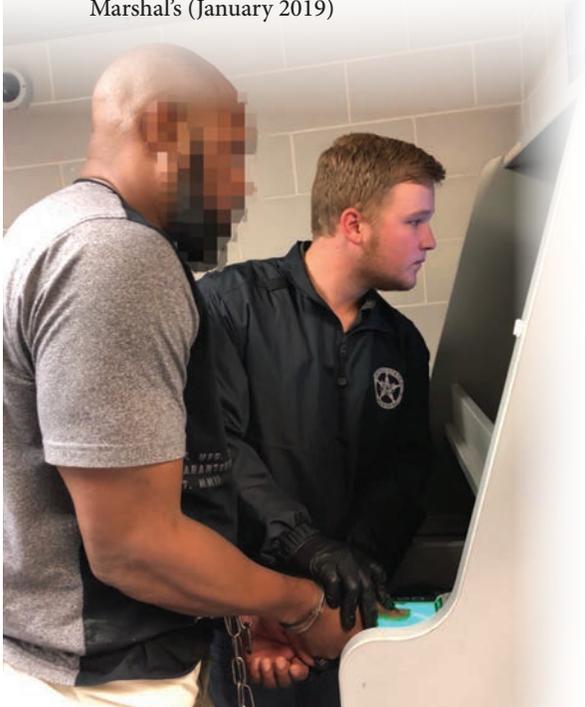
This past March, **Sapphire Beverly** and Dr. Sharece Downey attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme for this year's meeting was "Justice, Human Rights, and Activism"; in which Ms. Beverly and Dr. Downey presented their study titled "The Effectiveness of Aftercare Programs for Human Trafficking Victims". The department is proud of Ms. Beverly and her interest in research; she is the first undergraduate in the department to present at a national conference. Ms. Beverly will be graduating Spring 2019 where she will continue her education, ultimately hoping to obtain a masters and doctoral degree.

Dr. Sharece Downey (faculty mentor; left) and Sapphire Beverly (CJ, undergraduate; right)

Criminal Justice student, **James Haas**, was elected as president of the RELLIS Student Advisory Council (SAC) in March. SAC provides insight to the RELLIS Administration on the opinions and requests of the student body at the RELLIS campus.



Chase Cannon working at his internship with the US Marshal's (January 2019)



(L to R) Dr. Edmund Dieth, Sarah Crain, Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy (Chair) and Dr. GM Cox.

MPA Students Successfully Defend Thesis

The MPA program is proud to announce that it had two students (**Mr. Robert Evans** and **Ms. Sarah Crain**) successfully complete and defend their theses

Sarah Crain – Successfully defended her thesis: "From Soldier to Civilian: A Review of Texas Veteran Reintegration Programs for Factors That Aid in Successfully Transitioning Newly-Discharged Military."



Left to Right: Dr. Karen Jarrell, Robert Evans (City Manager and graduating MPA student), Dean Eric Morrow, Ph.D.; and, Dr. G. M. Cox, Chair, and Director, PA Program

Robert Evans – Successfully defended his thesis: “High-Turnover municipal elections Negative Effects on City Operations and Management”

MPA Students Attend ASPA Conference in Washington D.C.

The Masters of Public Administration students, Laura Fennell and Joshua Schmidt, along with Professor Matt Bagwell, were among the attendees at the 80th Annual Conference of the American Society for Public Administration on public administration, public policy, and governance. A broad range of public service topics were discussed at this year’s conference, including Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, Public Budgeting and Finance, Global Public Administration, Public and Non-Profit Management, Public Personnel and Human Resources Management, among a varied of other topics related to public administration. The MPA students were exposed to global and national perspectives on cutting-edge research, practice, and theoretical insights from scholars in the field of public administration. Laura Fennell said that “[She] found very interesting is how much science/statistical analysis is being implemented into the PA world for the purpose of making comparisons. I have seen this, the quantitative attempt, on the CJ side and it is becoming more the norm in PA.” The students were excited to learn more about the vast array of novel research, practice, and theoretical developments actively taking place in public administration field at this internationally attended conference. Joshua Schmidt stated that, “It was truly an eye-opening experience that served to strengthen my personal belief in the importance of helping others through public service and that I have chosen the right field of study because I wish to be that public servant.” The group was in D.C. March 7th-12th.

ROTC Ranger Team at West Point.



Change of Command

On April 1st a change of command took place in the Texan Corps of Cadets. The change of command represents the formal transfer of authority and responsibility from one commanding officer to another. This change of command occurs between Cadet Luis Zamora and Cadet Michel Hudgins.

Cadet Robert Lindsey (Master of Ceremonies), Texan Corps of Cadets Commandant Col (Ret.) Kenny Weldon, Cadet Luis Zamora, Cadet Michael Hudgins at the Change of Command Ceremony pictured above.

Ranger Team Competes at West Point

During the week of April 9th, the Tarleton Ranger team competed in West Point’s Sandhurst competition. The team was the only team to represent Texas and they made University history by being one of sixteen ROTC programs to make the cut to compete in this world premier international academy military skills competition.



For Spring Break 2019, The Tarleton Criminal Justice Department in coordination with the Government, Legal Studies, and Philosophy Department, and interim Dean of College of Liberal and Fine Arts, Dr. Eric Morrow spent a week in San Francisco. The trip included a tour of Alcatraz National Park. While there, the students had an opportunity to study how Alcatraz operated in a very precise manner based on concepts of scientific management principles. Also, Casey Heath, Instructor of Criminal Justice met with a former inmate at Alcatraz, William 'Bill' Baker. Mr. Baker spoke at length with Mr. Heath about prison life on the "Rock". One interesting story he stated was he never committed a crime in Texas. He said he was passing hot checks, a skill learned while confined on the "Rock", in Oklahoma. He said he passed numerous ones there but was afraid to pass hot checks in Texas because when he crossed the Red River, he saw signs of "Don't Mess with Texas". He interpreted that as "they'll get you and you would never be seen again". Jokingly, Mr. Heath told him it was an anti-littering campaign slogan. He said it worked for him. The students also visited the Capitol in Sacramento and City Hall in San Francisco.



COLFA students in front of the Sacramento City Hall.

Study Away in San Francisco

The Study Away group pictured in front of Alcatraz.



Tarleton Sponsors Call Record Analysis Seminar for North Texas Law Enforcement

In February, the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Strategic Studies, along with the Institute for Predictive and Analytical Policing Science, sponsored the first in a series of three free seminars on call record analysis.

Representatives from fourteen North Texas law enforcement agencies attended the first class — focused on using a geospatial software called GeoTime — hosted by the criminology school's Institute for Predictive and Analytical Policing Science.

GeoTime allows visual analysis of events over time. Users can view real-time animated playback of data and use automated tools within the software to identify location patterns, connections between events and trends. Using GeoTime, law enforcement personnel can collect data from mobile phones, satellites, social networking websites, webserver logs and many other sources to help solve crimes.

The daylong class covered formatting, mapping and reporting of call data records. Participants learned how to animate the phones of suspects and capture their movement, as well as best practices for analyzing their key locations and callers, life patterns and proximity to crime locations.

The Level 1 class also included a demonstration on how to produce quick reports from call records to create easy-to-read summaries for detectives.



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.



RELLIS

The Criminal Justice and Public Administration students and two professors at the new RELLIS, Bryan, Texas campus participated in the inaugural Tarleton State University RELLIS campus Service Day. The Parc at Traditions, an assisted living facility, provided tea, coffee, and cookies, while our students played trivia, interacted, and socialized with the residents. Stories and life experiences were shared. The students learned to be present and engage with older adults, and to listen and learn from their wisdom at this experiential learning social engagement event that afternoon. Whether pursuing careers in Criminal Justice or Public Administration, learning to engage and interact with community members in the public will be a vital part of their professions in their future careers. The students gained valuable community interaction skills during this service day event on Thursday, March 21st, 2019, and the older adults seemed to enjoy the company of our TSU students.



Service Day



Fort Worth

The Criminal Justice Program in Fort Worth had a productive and fulfilling 2019 Tarleton Service and Leadership Day Project on March 21. The project involved painting inspirational rocks for the One Safe Place's Camp Hope 'Stones of Hope' Project. One Safe Place is the family justice center of Tarrant County. The center is highly dedicated to early intervention for children who have witnessed domestic violence and are committed to preventing crime and violence in our neighborhoods, schools, and homes. One program that offers healing and hope to youth who have experienced domestic violence is Camp Hope Texas. One Safe Place started this camp to offer special curriculum developed around traditional camp activities so that campers gain independence along with the skills and hope they need to break the generational cycle of violence. The inspirational stones are given to campers as well as placed around trees at One Safe Place.

Achievements



In January, **Dr. del Carmen** was named the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts and will continue in coordinating the work of the School as well as the duties of the Associate Dean.

Dr. Brittany Rodriguez has been appointed as the Faculty Fellow for the College of Liberal and Fine Arts. Faculty fellows are approved by college deans, and each dean considers faculty fellow candidates by their recognized innovative teaching practices which focus on student learning. The program began at Tarleton State University in 2009 and coordinated by the Center for Instructional Innovation. Dr. Brittany Rodriguez has been promoted to Professional Associate Professor.



Dr. Tara Shelley Professor and Co-director of the Institute on Violence Against Women and Human Trafficking and co-director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Leadership and Public Policy received the prestigious designation of Fulbright Scholar in February. As a Fulbright recipient and a representative of the United States, Shelley will teach and

do research with the Police Academy of the Czech Republic in Prague. POLAC is a state university and offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. During her visit, Shelley will teach the "Basics of Criminology and Crime Prevention" course and conduct several graduate workshops related to victimology and research methodology. The Fulbright, which aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries, is the nation's flagship international educational exchange program, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, traveled to the Regional Engaged Scholarship Symposium at Texas Tech University on Wednesday, April 10 to present on Civic Engagement and Service Learning (CESL) with Dr. Denae Dorris, Director of TSU's Center for Transformative Learning and another CESL Fellow, Dr. Misty Smith, Asst. Professor in Social Work. Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy was awarded a \$3000 Civic Engagement and Service Learning (CESL) Fellowship by Center for Transformative Learning, Tarleton State University.



Dr. Steven Glassner is serving as the advisor for Tarleton's new Ph.D. in Criminal Justice program, and he can help prospective and incoming students with questions concerning the newly developed program. The doctoral degree offered by Tarleton's Criminal Justice program blends aspects of public administration, criminology and criminal justice. The doctoral program aims to provide criminal justice professionals with the skills necessary to make an impact by leveraging knowledge and experience to study, evaluate, and implement changes within criminal justice systems. The program was recently granted accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, and the first incoming cohort will begin classes in the fall 2019 semester.

Dr. GM Cox retired at the end of the Spring 2019 semester. During his tenure at Tarleton, he has led the Public Administration program and is responsible for its unprecedented growth. The MPA program is now considered one of the fastest growing programs in the University's history, with over 100 students. Before coming to Tarleton, Dr. Cox served 6 years as a law enforcement specialist in the United States Air Force. After his service in the Air Force, he graduated with a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and went on to become a patrol deputy for the Montgomery County's Sheriff's Department. Soon thereafter, he was hired for his first police chief position with the Oak Ridge North Police Department. While serving as police chief, Dr. Cox graduated with a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Management, from Sam Houston State University. Dr. Cox also served as the police chief of the Corsicana Police Department and then the Murphy Police Department. In 2011, Dr. Cox graduated with his Ph.D. in Public Administration. Four years later in 2015, Dr. Cox retired from the Murphy PD and came to Tarleton. All of his years in policing culminate into 43 years of experience in law enforcement; of those, 33 years were spent serving as police chief.



Tom Petrowski, Visiting Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, will serve as the graduate advisor for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Publications

Meghan E. Hollis, Wesley G. Jennings., & Shannon Hankhouse, (February, 2019), An Outcome Evaluation of a Substance Abuse Program for Probationers: Findings from a Quasi-Experimental Design. *American Journal of Criminology*.

Sujung Cho and Steven D. Glassner (March, 2019) Examining the Mediating Effects of Negative Emotions on the Link between Multiple Strains and Suicidal Ideation: A Longitudinal Analysis. *Archives of Suicidal Research*.

Jacqueline Abernathy (October, 2018) Peer Pressure Makes Poor Policy: Research Submitted to the New Zealand Parliament Regarding The End-of-Life Choice Bill. *Journal of Bioethics in Law & Culture Quarterly* 2(1).

Public Administration – Faculty Meeting

Held recently to discuss the future of the Public Administration Program, now a division of the SCCJSS. Future plans include a PA Symposium to be held in the fall 2019; the addition of an additional PA tenure-track faculty member at RELLIS; and, the 5-year Plan, to include seeking NASPAA accreditation for the MPA degree.



Presentations

Dr. Steven Glassner presented at the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA on “Impacts of Low Self-Control and Risky Cyber-Lifestyles on Cyberbullying: Estimating a Growth Mixture Modeling Approach” (with Dr. Cho Sujung). (November, 2018)

Dr. Steven Glassner presented at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice on “Bullying Victimization and Delinquent Involvement: An Assessment of General Strain Theory and Discussion of Model Specification” in San Antonio, TX. (October, 2018)

Dr. Sharece Downey and Criminal Justice student Sapphire Beverly, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences on “The Effectiveness of Aftercare Programs for Human Trafficking Victims” in Baltimore, MD. (March, 2019)

Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference in Austin, TX on her research that found a strong relationship between political party affiliation and how lawmakers vote on assisted suicide bills at the state level “From Wildcard Wedge Issue to Predictable Party Plank: Assisted Suicide and Partisanship”. (January, 2019)

Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy and Dr. Misty Smith presented at the Excellence in Teaching Conference, Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX. They provided an overview of how faculty can incorporate service learning in a presentation entitled: “Civic Engagement & Service Learning: Finding Community Partners and Identifying Service Projects”. (February, 2019)

Dr. Katherine Brown presented Forensic Implications of Non-Fatal Strangulation Presentation in the Scientific Session at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. (Spring, 2019)

Dr. Tara Shelley and Michelle Morgan presented at Tarrant County sexual abuse advisory council annual meeting. (Spring, 2019)

Dr. Tara Shelley presented at One Safe Place staff meeting on the Abuse Behavior Inventory study results. (Spring, 2019)

Dr. Tara Shelley and Jonathan Hicks presented at One Safe Place staff meeting on Client Satisfaction survey results. (Spring, 2019)

Dr. Jacqueline Abernathy presented at Texas Tech University on Civic Engagement and Service Learning (CESL) with Dr. Denae Dorris, Director of TSU’s Center of Transformative Learning, and Dr. Misty Smith, Asst. Professor in Social Work. (April, 2019)



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WHY MPA?

If you are interested in...

- Public administration
- Intergovernmental relations
- Human resource management
- Budgeting and finance
- Public policy
- Non-profits and non-governmental agencies delivering public goods and services

Master of Public Administration

The MPA program is designed to develop the student's leadership, decision making, and critical thinking abilities while exposing the student to public administration theory and practices focusing on governance across the public administration landscape to include government, non-profit and non-governmental organizations that provide public services. Students have the option of doing the thesis or non-thesis track, and both require 36 hours to complete. Classes are offered both face to face at the Fort Worth campus and online, for the student's convenience. The GRE has been waived for this program. Students may start the program during spring, summer, or fall semesters.



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



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The Master of Criminal Justice Program is designed for busy, professional students who are looking to advance their education. This program is designed to provide students the skills and knowledge required to successfully navigate the competitive processes involved in moving ahead in their careers. Taking the GRE is not required for the program, and classes are offered both face to face in Ft. Worth and online to accommodate students' busy schedules. Classes are taught by nationally recognized faculty who have practical experience in the field. A 30 hour non-thesis track and a 36 hour thesis track are offered. Students who take the program completely online generally do the non-thesis option. The thesis track is usually recommended for students who are considering continuing to get their PhD in the future, as it allows them to be more competitive and prepared.



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Ph.D. in Criminal Justice

The Ph.D. in Criminal Justice is designed with working professionals in mind. This program offers coursework and research leading to the Doctor in Philosophy. The program prepares students to face the growing complexities of the criminal justice system and to join the ranks of educated criminal justice professionals with advanced analytical, critical thinking and leadership skills. Classes are offered face to face in a cohort format and feature vigorous interaction with criminal justice professionals. The Ph.D. program culminates in an applied dissertation project with practical implications to the practice of criminal justice. The classes will be meeting on Saturdays at Tarleton in Fort Worth.



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- Online application
- Personal statement
- GRE scores
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Phone interview with PhD coordinator

REQUIREMENTS

- Master's in criminal justice, criminology, or related field
- GPA of 3.3 or higher on all completed master's coursework



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