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Message From The Chair

It is my pleasure to once again invite you to see what the MACJ students have been doing during the semester. We expect to graduate seven students from our program in December 2012. Our recent graduates are making valuable contributions to the field of criminal justice. You will read about two of them in this edition of the CJ Times. We also have an interesting group of Graduate Assistants anxious to have the opportunity to apply the knowledge they are gaining in this program to the field of criminal justice. They are assisting our faculty in their research efforts. It has been a productive semester as you will see as you read this newsletter.



CJ Club

Join us!

Where: HC 106

When: every other Wednesday (except 12/12) at 9PM

Why: To discuss trips & issues in the criminal justice field



Meet the Graduates

Christa Menge

Christa graduated the MACJ in the spring of 2012. Her favorite thing about the program was the community feeling. In her own words, "The teachers were always ready and willing to help you with anything you needed and class was always enjoyable. My classmates really made the experience worthwhile because everyone was always willing to lend a hand and I made some great friends!"

Christa is currently working as a lawyer in CT and hopes to get a job with a government agency in the near future.



Jennifer Darrow



Jennifer is a graduate of the Sacred Heart University MACJ program, class of 2012. Since that time, she has continued her research on police perjury and public policy, while teaching research methodology and data analysis to New York State employees. Jennifer recently returned from Colorado where she attended her first symposium as a doctoral student at Colorado Technical University. There she will be working to obtain a Doctorate in Management, with a concentration in Homeland Security. It is Jennifer's belief that she would not have sought her position with the New York State Comptroller's Office or continued her education if it had not been for the academic and practical support she received from her professors and classmates at SHU.

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Meet the Graduate Assistants

Allen Vargas

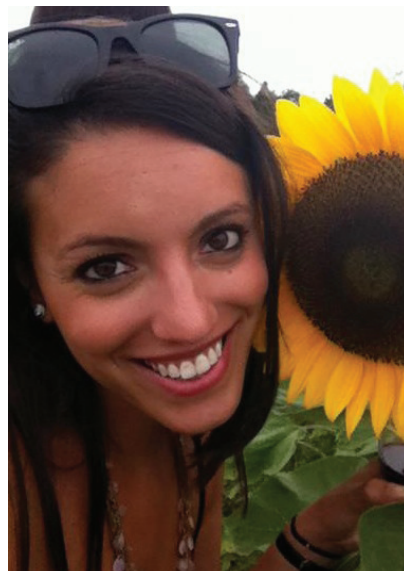


I'm Allen Vargas, and I reside in Bridgeport, CT. I did my undergraduate degree at SHU, majoring in criminal justice. I decided to stay do to my Masters thanks to Dr. Grant. She really explained to us the importance of having a degree and knocking it out since we were still in school-mode and how it will definitely help us with our career choices. Right now, I am a bit confused as to what I want to do career-wise but I am currently thinking of going into law enforcement to work investigative services such as becoming a detective or a state trooper and making my way up the ranks. Also, law school is an option and maybe even coming back and teaching as a professor at a university to share my experiences with others.

**It is the spirit
and not the
form of the
law that
keeps justice
alive.
- Earl Warren**

Alyssa Verdi

My name's Alyssa Verdi and I'm from Long Island, New York. I completed my undergrad and received my Bachelors degree in criminal justice from Sacred Heart University. I'm hoping to get a lot out of the MACJ program because my experience as an undergrad here at Sacred Heart has shown that I will learn a wide range of topics from a diverse faculty. I chose Sacred Heart for my Master's because I enjoyed my time here as an undergrad and felt I got a lot out of the program. Upon receiving my Masters degree in the spring, I hope to have a better idea of where I will be for the rest of my life. I am confident this year will provide me with a better idea of what I want to do for a career.



Meet the Graduate Assistants

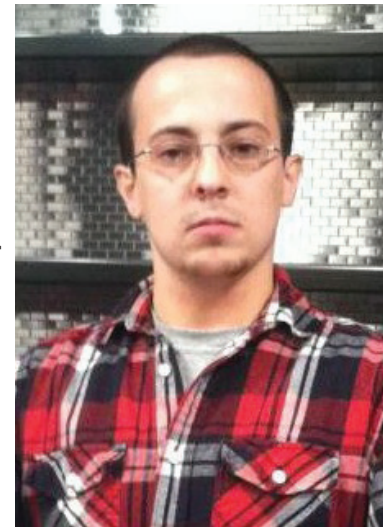


Ashley Whitworth

My name is Ashley Whitworth and I'm from Granby, CT. I did my undergraduate work at Elmira College in New York, where I majored in psychology and criminal justice and minored in human services. Unlike the other GA's, this is my last semester in the MACJ program. While applying and testing for police jobs within the state, I'm currently working on my thesis, examining the relationship between alcohol consumption and sexual aggression.

Brian Harrison

I'm Brian Harrison and I'm from Nutley, NJ. It's my first semester in the MACJ program here at SHU and I decided to stay here after doing my undergraduate work in history and criminal justice because I feel comfortable here on campus and the reputation of the faculty is so high that I knew I would continue to learn from the best. I hope to obtain a better understanding of the criminal justice system, and to gain skills that will help me pursue a career in law enforcement, ideally in the federal field, such as the U.S. Marshals or the DEA.



Michael Zambarano

My name is Michael Zambarano and I'm from Natick, MA. This is my first semester as a Masters student at SHU, where I'm hoping to further my education by developing a better understanding of the criminal justice system and the careers involved in the field. I'm currently applying for police officer positions but would love to work with juveniles in the future. I did my undergraduate work and played football at SHU as well, majoring in criminal justice with a minor in psychology.



Criminal Justice Honor Society

Alpha Phi Sigma is the National Criminal Justice Honor Society for undergraduate and graduate students.

To qualify, graduate students must maintain a 3.4 GPA and exemplify the goals of honoring and promoting academic excellence; community service; educational leadership and unity.



For more information, visit:
alphaphisigma.org
 or email Professor Morris at:
morrisp@sacredheart.edu

The SHU chapter, Gamma Omega Delta, would like to congratulate the following graduate student for their recent induction:

Lisa Hassenfeldt

Student Spotlight: Lisa Hassenfeldt

**Injustice
anywhere
is a threat
to justice
everywhere.
- MLK Jr.**

My name is Lisa Alexander-Hassenfeldt, a mother of 2 beautiful children and a real estate broker. I have returned to school after a 12-year lapse in studies and am attending Sacred Heart University as a first year graduate student as of September of this year. I attended SHU for my undergraduate degree in criminal justice. I currently reside in Seymour, CT, where I grew up as a child. I chose SHU mainly because after taking my undergraduate here I was extremely impressed with the professors and the students. At first I thought I would feel uncomfortable returning as an older student, but the staff and students quickly reversed that thought. I hope that upon completing my graduate program at SHU that I will be accepted and attend law school in hopes of becoming a state prosecutor.



ACJS Conference



The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

Every year, ACJS holds a conference to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas within the field of criminal justice. This year, the conference will be held in Dallas, Texas. Maintaining a strong tradition of sending students to present work, Sacred Heart University will be represented by Allen Vargas and Michael Zambarano.



Allen will be presenting a paper involving an in-depth profiling experience of Joseph & Michael Kallinger, a father-son duo who killed three people and tortured four families in the mid to late 1970s.

He hopes that ACJS will provide him with the unforgettable experiences, including being able to see presentations on contemporary criminal justice issues, networking, visiting Texas for the first time, and representing Sacred Heart University.

Mike will be presenting a research paper on the social learning theory and how it relates to gangs. His paper will examine the direct correlation between juvenile offenders, juvenile gang participants and the concept of social learning theory through a review of current and foundational literature. He will also propose programmatic outcomes and strategies for working with juvenile offenders.

While attending this conference, he hopes to gain better insight into the criminal justice system and the different aspects and careers involved in the field. He also hopes to make personal connections and receive advice from other professionals to help him excel in his career within the criminal justice system.

Spring 2013 Course Offerings

CJ 401 - Theories & Analysis of Crime Causation & Deviance

CJ 402 - Critical Issues in the Administration & Management of the CJ System

CJ 404 - Issues in the Administration of the Adult & Juvenile Correctional Systems

CJ 405 - Criminal Law

CJ 406 - Methods of Research Design & Statistical Analysis

CJ 506 - Victimology

CJ 507 - Organizational Procedures

CJ 508 - Capital Punishment

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