

I am delighted to introduce the first edition of the IUP Department of Criminology newsletter. Our newsletter will provide information about the Department and the work being done by faculty and students. The newsletter will be distributed twice per year and will share stories about the program, faculty, students, and alumni. Please feel free to contact the department with any questions or comments about the newsletter.

~ Jennifer L. Boyer, Editor



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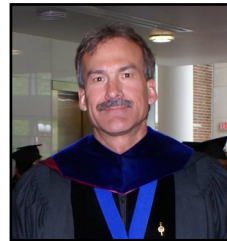
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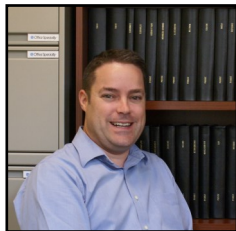
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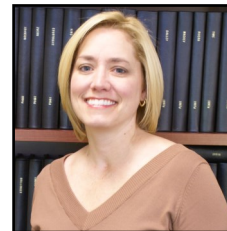
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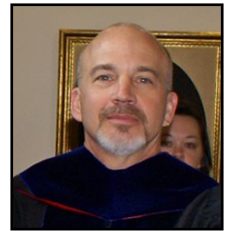
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Department Welcomes New Faculty



Chivon Fitch, PhD, joined the Criminology Department in the fall semester of 2014. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Penn State and her Master's Degree in Social Sciences from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Fitch received her PhD in Sociology from Kent State University. Her dissertation examined the gender gap in crime-why women offend less and for shorter periods of time. She looked to previous sociological, psychological and criminological research and theorized that shaming can be effective in deterring women from crime. Her interests include gender, prostitution, and victimization. Dr. Fitch had previously been told that when she interviewed for a position she would "just know" when she found the right department for her. After she interviewed at IUP, Dr. Fitch "just knew" this was the place for her. She has found the university as a whole to be very welcoming and the faculty within the Criminology Department to be supportive of one another. Dr. Fitch is currently teaching Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Law, Social Control, and Society and she is delighted to see how engaged her students are in the classes. She is currently researching prostitution and youth victims and violence.



Sadie J. Mummert, PhD, joined the Criminology Department in the fall semester of 2014. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Wittenberg University. Dr. Mummert then attended Georgia State University for her Master's Degree and PhD in Criminal Justice. She is interested in sexual victimization, gender roles and victimization, and pedagogy. After finishing her PhD, Dr. Mummert interviewed at IUP. She has always been interested in the Criminology Department at IUP because it is very well known and well respected by other criminologists. She also liked the fact that there are graduate programs in the department. Dr. Mummert enjoyed having a mentor in her graduate programs and is hoping to be able to mentor graduate students here at IUP. Since coming to IUP, Dr. Mummert has been very pleased with her experiences. She likes the IUP community as a whole and sees a lot of school pride amongst the students. The administration and the department have been very welcoming, supportive, and caring. She is currently teaching Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Criminological Research Methods and is hoping she can provide a good knowledge base for her students.

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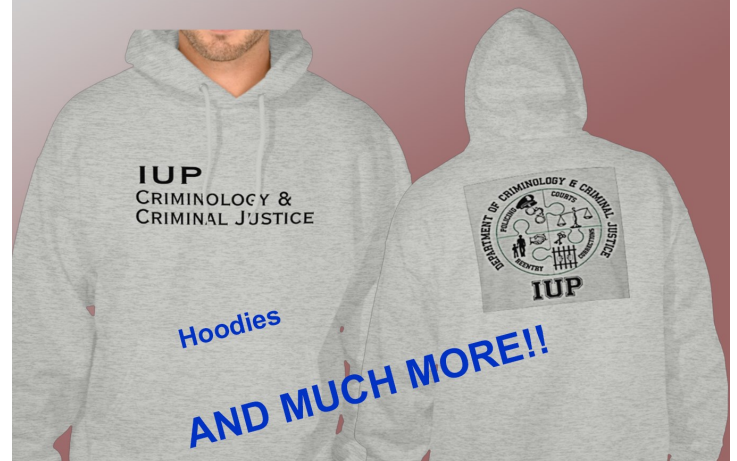


Zavín Nazaretian, PhD, joined the Criminology faculty in the fall of 2014. He grew up in Canada and he started his Bachelor's Degree in one program and then transferred to Saint Mary's University to major in Criminology. Dr. Nazaretian then worked on his Honors Equivalence Certificate in Criminology. He received his Master's Degree from Loughborough University, in Leicestershire, UK, and his PhD from Wayne State University. Dr. Nazaretian is interested in victimization, illegal downloading and therapeutic communities. He came to IUP because he found the quality of publications coming out of the department to be high. He also liked that there is a PhD program and a scholarly journal here at IUP. He enjoys the small town environment of Indiana and finds the campus to be beautiful. Dr. Nazaretian has found the university administration and the faculty within the department to be very supportive of both teaching and research. Dr. Nazaretian is an energetic educator who enjoys interacting with students and listening to their perspectives. He is currently teaching Violence and Victimology and Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime and hopes that students will begin to think critically about how society impacts crime.

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The History of Wilson Hall: The Early Years

Indiana Normal School was chartered in 1871 and was a place where future teachers could learn and train. Indiana Normal School built the Model School in 1893 to help train future teachers. The building had eight large classrooms and playrooms in the basement for the children when it was rainy and cold outside. Two hundred and seventy-five children were originally enrolled in the Model School. They were divided into eight grades. Student teachers observed and taught in the Model School.



In 1903, the Model School building was renamed Wilson Hall, in honor of Andrew Wilkins Wilson (1826-1897). A.W. Wilson was the third president of the Indiana Normal School and served on the Board of Trustees from 1875-1897. Over the years, thousands of students attended the Model School, including Jimmy Stewart. Jimmy Stewart, a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and famous actor was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania and attended the Model School in the 1920s, until he was fifteen years old. A plaque was dedicated at Wilson Hall for Jimmy Stewart on May 30, 2014.

In 1926, a library was housed in a classroom on the second floor of Wilson Hall. A year later, Indiana Normal School was renamed the State Teacher's College at Indiana. As the student population grew, the need for more space grew as well. The library began to outgrow the classroom in Wilson Hall and the Model School was moved to the newly constructed Keith Hall in 1939. The entirety of Wilson Hall then became the library. The building was remodeled in 1941 to allow for a collection of fifty thousand volumes and seating for two hundred and fifty-five students. The building had four reading rooms, a periodical room, a reference and reserve room, and a circulation desk.



In 1959, the State Teacher's College at Indiana was renamed Indiana State College and it continued to grow. By 1960, the library had outgrown Wilson Hall with a collection of over sixty thousand volumes. Rhodes R. Stabley Library was constructed and Wilson Hall was then used by the Social Studies Department. *To be continued in the next edition...*

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Alumni Spotlight: Brian Payne, PhD

Dr. Brian Payne is the current Vice Provost for graduate and undergraduate academic programs at Old Dominion University. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from IUP and his Master's Degree in Criminology from IUP. He received his PhD in Criminology from IUP in 1993. When Dr. Payne started at IUP, he did not really have a long-term plan. He was the first in his family to go to college and he changed his major more than once. He took a juvenile delinquency class and really enjoyed it. In fact, this was his favorite class in his undergraduate program. The class was taught by Dr. Imogene L. Moyer, a professor in the Criminology Department who was known for her mentoring of students and her part in the growth of the Department.

While in his undergraduate program, Dr. Payne, with the encouragement and support of his professors, decided to apply to graduate schools. He applied to graduate programs and law schools. Dr. Payne was accepted into law schools, but decided to go to graduate school. IUP was close to home and he really enjoyed his undergraduate program. Dr. Payne worked with Dr. Moyer as part of his graduate assistantship. He also had the opportunity to work with Dr. Robert Mutchnick and Dr. Timothy Austin within the Criminology Department. This work as a graduate assistant helped Dr. Payne broaden his interests. It was at this time that he decided he wanted to become a professor and he applied and was accepted into the PhD program.

Dr. Payne believes it was good to get all three of his degrees from IUP. There were so many different opinions and focuses amongst the faculty in the Criminology Department that he was taught by three different groups of faculty in each of his programs. Dr. Payne enjoyed many of his classes in the Master's program and the



PhD program. Some of his favorites were his theory classes with Dr. Austin, Dr. Mutchnick, and Dr. Randy Martin.

When it comes to the campus, Dr. Payne remembers Wilson Hall, the Oak Grove, and walking through the snow to get to class. He also remembers teaching his first class as a teaching assistant. He was extremely nervous, but he took a firm approach on the first day of class. He was teaching an 8:00 a.m. class and told the students that they had to be on time. The very next class, he slept in and was late. He never gave that lecture again.

After finishing the PhD program, Dr. Payne was hired as an Assistant Professor at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. After that, he worked at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Payne is now back at Old Dominion as Vice Provost where he oversees the office of Graduate Studies and the Honors College, coordinates program proposals, program reviews, and interdisciplinary programs. He is busy, but finds his job very rewarding.

Dr. Payne also stays active in research. He has always been interested in white collar crime- how the system deals with different types and the overlap with victimization, (i.e. elder abuse). Dr. Payne has written several books and still remembers writing his first book “Crime and Elder Abuse.” He remembers finishing the manuscript, printing it out, and just holding it before it sent it to the publisher. Finishing it was such a rewarding feeling. He is currently co-authoring an introduction to criminal justice book. Books are a lot of work, but he enjoys writing them. He likes to keep his hand in teaching and is currently teaching a class at Old Dominion on white collar crime. In the past he has taught several classes including research methods, victimology, and introduction to criminology. He learned many different things at IUP and he graduated with the ability to teach a variety of classes.

Dr. Payne is the current president of the international organization the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). He was never planning on running, but they needed a second nominee and he was asked if he wanted to be nominated. He said “yes” and was elected as second vice president, then he moved up to vice president, and now he is serving as president. He has found the job to be an honor and he has enjoyed it very much. Dr. Payne has several duties as president, including overseeing the boards, running the meetings, addressing issues

as they arise during the year, staying in contact with board members, organizing and plans the annual conference, planning future conferences, and attending all of the regional conferences. Dr. Payne has been traveling quite a bit. He has been to Reno, Chicago, and Orlando this year, and he is extremely busy with ACJS.

When Dr. Payne became president of ACJS, one of his goals was to promote interdisciplinary thinking. The 2015 ACJS conference is about looking outward rather than inward. He believes it is important to build relationships with criminal justice practitioners and agencies. Dr. Payne is arranging events at the conference with that goal in mind. He is planning a doctoral program summit and students from every doctoral program will meet with ACJS board members. There will also be several speakers who have had experience with the criminal justice system, including Piper Kerman, author of “Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Woman’s Prison” and three people who were sentenced to death and subsequently exonerated.

Dr. Payne still remembers important lessons he learned at IUP: the “primary purpose of higher education is to educate students;” and “the value of teaching.” Dr. Payne really appreciates IUP and the Criminology Department. He received a wonderful education and believes the Department is doing great things.

Look for our next edition in May of 2015! The next edition will be emailed if you register via the website.

New Course: Media Portrayal of Crime

The Criminology Department has just introduced a new class, Media Portrayal of Crime (CRIM 420). The class is a liberal studies elective as well as a controlled elective for Criminology majors. The class was developed by Dr. Erika Frenzel, an Associate Professor in Criminology and she is teaching the class this semester. It focuses on how the media portrays criminal behavior and the criminal justice system. Students learn about media, who owns the media, and how media is filtered. Students also learn how each aspect of the criminal justice

system-law, police, courts- are portrayed in the media. This semester students have examined video games for violence (even those rated “everyone”) and children’s books for depictions of violent and/or criminal behavior. Students will also be examining music videos, song lyrics and newspaper articles. Students will be expected to create their own media project that reflects misrepresentations and the goal of the class is to get students to challenge the information they receive from the media.

Student Spotlight: Shavonne Arthurs

Shavonne Arthurs is currently a doctoral student in Criminology. Ms. Arthurs received a Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Forensic Science and a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Duquesne University. She received also received a Master’s Degree in Forensic Science Arizona State University. She is now in her second year of the PhD program at IUP. Ms. Arthurs came to IUP because she had heard good things about the faculty and the program, including the fact that the program focuses on the teacher/scholar model. Ms. Arthurs worked with Dr. John A. Lewis on underage student alcohol abuse on the IUP campus. In April of 2014, Ms. Arthurs presented a paper at the Graduate Scholars’ Forum on their research. The Graduate Student Scholars’ Forum allows graduate students to present their research to the IUP community. Posters and papers are submitted and awards are presented within each college. Ms. Arthurs was presented with the Dean’s Scholar for Excellence Award (first place). In June of 2014, Ms. Arthurs attended the Northeastern Association of



Criminal Justice Sciences Regional Conference, which was held in Rhode Island. She presented a paper on underage student alcohol abuse on the IUP campus. She won first place in the Graduate Student Paper Competition. Ms. Arthurs will be presenting at the upcoming Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference as well as The American Society of Criminology conference.