

Notice anything different above? The IUP Department of Criminology is proud to announce it is now the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Previously, when individuals were searching online for Criminal Justice Programs, IUP was not featured as a result. The name change will allow prospective students to find information about the program .



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### Online Master's Program Ranks in the Top Ten

IUP's Online Criminology Master's program currently is ranked in the top ten best online graduate criminal justice programs by U.S. News and World Report. "We think our program is good, but it was nice to have other people acknowledge that as well," said Dr. Jennifer Gossett, the current coordinator of the online program. The program has a student retention rate of almost 100%. Dr. Gossett believes this success stems from dedicated faculty teaching in the program. The program also offers electives focusing on terrorism, cybercrime, juvenile justice, corrections and special topic classes such as teaching for a community college. U.S. News and World Report ranks programs based on several factors, including class structure, faculty credentials, academic support, career support, and student engagement in the program.

The online program started in 2009 as a part-time program, which took approximately

two years to complete. Beginning fall 2015, students will be able to attend either full or part-time. A full-time student will be able to complete the program in one year. Classes during the fall and spring semesters will now be seven weeks long and students can take two seven-week classes at a time. Hopefully students, especially working professionals, will see this change as a better option because it offers more flexibility. Faculty who teach graduate classes on campus will teach online as well. Students in the online program will have access to the library and other campus resources. Online graduate students also have the opportunity to apply for graduate assistantships. The department strives to meet the needs of our alumni as well as new students who want to enter into the criminal justice field.

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## **Alumni Spotlight: C. Edward Keller**

C. Edward Keller entered the Criminology program at IUP because he wanted to be a Pennsylvania State Trooper. While at IUP, Mr. Keller got a job with campus security, which was housed in Sutton Hall. While there, he would talk to Pennsylvania State Troopers who encouraged him to apply. His sophomore year, Mr. Keller married his high school sweetheart and wife of forty-two years, Judy. Mr. Keller graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology

When Mr. Keller graduated, the Pennsylvania State Police were under a hiring freeze, so Mr. Keller applied and was accepted into the September 1974 Maryland State Trooper Academy class. He became President of the class and graduated after a grueling 24 weeks. As a reward for being named class President, he chose to go to the Frederick, Maryland Barracks. Most new Trooper graduates were assigned to the beltways around Washington, D.C and Baltimore. Mr. Keller was promoted twice: from Trooper to Trooper First Class and from Trooper First Class to Corporal (Road Patrol Supervisor). The second promotion took him to the Waldorf, Maryland Barracks. He says the IUP Criminology program helped with his career as a Trooper. While working as a Maryland State Trooper he was recruited by a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who was assigned to Frederick. Working for the FBI sounded very intriguing to Mr. Keller.

He attended the FBI Academy in January of 1983. Mr. Keller began working as a Special Agent in Baltimore, Maryland and then went to Columbus, Ohio. While in Columbus, Mr. Keller worked on a case involving the United Freedom



Front, which was an American Marxist organization that was active in the 1970s and 1980s and responsible for numerous bombings and bank robberies. The organization targeted courthouses, military facilities, and corporate buildings. This investigation led to the arrests of two of the members who were both on the FBI's top ten fugitives list. After Columbus, Mr. Keller went to the Youngstown, Ohio office. It was there that he was able to work on three successful undercover operations including a stolen property case. With Mr. Keller's expertise, the FBI was able to recover \$1.4 million in stolen vehicles and equipment. He was also a primary undercover agent in a high profile corruption case where forty-seven individuals were convicted of charges including extortion, obstruction of justice, and narcotics violations.

## Alumni Spotlight Continued: C. Edward Keller

In 1991, Mr. Keller was transferred to the Houston Division. There he supervised a multi-agency violent crime task force. While driving his car down the highway in 1993, a car pulled up next to Mr. Keller. He looked over and noticed the driver who was a man wanted for a brutal murder that occurred a week prior. Mr. Keller called in and got behind the car. This resulted in a forty-five mile high speed chase with police cars and a failed barricade, and ended with a road block in the state of Louisiana with shots being fired. In 1999, Mr. Keller became a supervisor at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was assigned to the Criminal Investigative Division and oversaw gang investigations throughout the eastern and mid-western parts of the United States. He was in Washington, D.C. for two years and then became the Senior Resident Agent in Charge at Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Keller remained in Louisiana until he retired in 2003. Over his

twenty year career with the FBI, Mr. Keller received numerous honors and awards for outstanding work. He had a very successful career and credits it to his dedicated work ethic and to the relationships that he nurtured all over the country. Mr. Keller worked hard to acquire and maintain good relationships with local and state law enforcement agencies as well as individuals from other federal agencies.

After Mr. Keller retired in 2003, he took a job with the Beaumont Foundation of America in Beaumont, Texas. The Beaumont Foundation was created in 2001 using funds from a class action lawsuit. Unclaimed funds from the lawsuit were used to develop a foundation for the public good. This was the brain-child of a plaintiff's attorney Wayne Reaud, who became Chairman of the Board. The organization's mission was to buy computer equipment for schools, churches and non-profit organizations, such as the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club of America, and to provide more opportunities to the underprivileged. Mr. Keller oversaw the distribution of the computers and made sure that the recipient organizations were using the technology as required.

In 2006, the Beaumont Foundation began working with foster care homes and food banks in Texas. The Foundation provides clothing stipends to foster care children. The Foundation also provides scholarships for both teachers and students and provides grants in support of health care. Over one hundred million in grants and scholarships have been awarded since 2002. Mr. Keller is now the Chief Operating Officer and directs the day-to-day operations of the Beaumont Foundation.



## C. Edward Keller Scholarship

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is proud to announce the C. Edward Keller scholarship. Mr. Keller wants to have a scholarship at his alma mater, IUP. He is looking for future students (currently high school seniors) who are the brightest, the most capable and who have a financial need. He is hoping that the scholarship will provide a better future for a student. The scholarship will cover first

year tuition, fees, and books. If the student is successful in the first year, the scholarship will continue for up to an additional three years. Mr. Keller particularly thanks the generosity of Mr. Wayne Reaud, Chairman, and Directors Jon Huntsman, Sr. and Gilbert I. Low for this scholarship opportunity. If the program is successful, Mr. Keller hopes to expand in the future.

## Doctoral Program Receives Praise

Recognition for the department came in the form of a study, "Publication Productivity of Criminologists," published in the *Journal of Crime Justice Education* last fall. The study's authors, Ellen Cohn and David Farrington, investigated the productivity of members of the American Society of Criminology in terms of their scholarly publishing in criminology journals.

While there are 47 doctoral programs in criminology and criminal justice in the United States, graduates of IUP's PhD in Criminology program made up 10 percent of the top 50

scholars cited in the study for 2010-11. Department chair Robert Mutchnick described the results as "a strong statement about how our graduates are prepared to compete."

Program alumni on the list of top scholars were **George Higgins D'01**; **Brian Payne '88, M'90, D'93**; **Shaun Gabbidon D'96**; **Tina Freiburger D'07**; and **Catherine Marcum D'08**.

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## Get to Know Dean Mark Correia

Dr. Mark Correia is the current Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Dean Correia joined Indiana University of Pennsylvania on June 1, 2013. Dean Correia has a Bachelor's Degree in Justice, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, and a PhD in Political Science. Before accepting the position at IUP, Dean Correia was familiar with the Criminology program because of its excellent reputation and faculty. Dean Correia was drawn to IUP because of the "sense of community and belonging" and since taking the position he has felt very welcome.

Dean Correia believes that his job is to "create space and opportunity for students, faculty and staff to be successful" and this involves networking with alumni, finding opportunities for internships, and working with personnel. He wants to work with departments to move the College forward. Dean Correia loves his position. He enjoys working with faculty and feels there is a positive energy in the College. He also enjoys meeting alumni and retired faculty. IUP has over 120,000 alumni worldwide and they are incredible people.

Dean Correia has a lot of plans for the College. He wants the College to become more involved in providing a comprehensive approach to complex community issues and to help drive the University's mission forward. He would like to see the College develop new academic programs to bring students with different interests to the University. He also would like to see students and faculty involved in the leadership of the University. For the Department

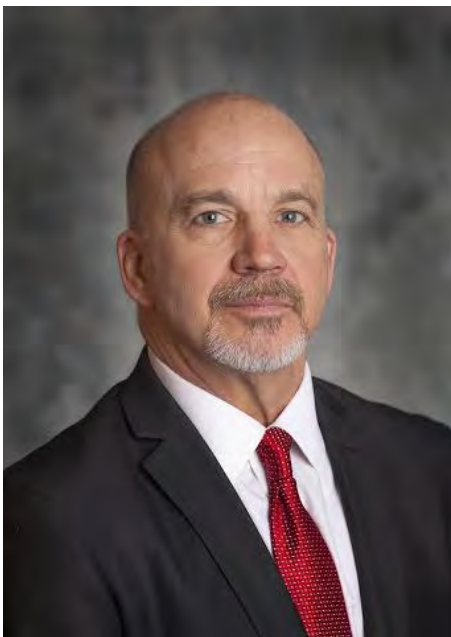


of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Dean Correia wants the program to continue to grow, "continue on a path of innovation" and develop new programs.

Dean Correia also recently attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. A department reception was held and Dean Correia enjoyed hearing about the success of alumni. It also was nice for him to see current students, faculty, alumni, and friends and colleagues of the department interact.

## **Criminology Professor Becomes Dean of the Graduate School**

Dr. Randy Martin has taken a position as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Martin, who holds a PhD in Psychology, taught in the Criminology Department since 1986. He joined the department when the doctoral program was just starting and actually chaired the first dissertation. He was previously the Master's program coordinator and doctoral program coordinator. Dr. Martin became the Department Chair seven years ago, after being elected. He served two terms and had planned to rejoin the faculty. However, the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services asked Dr. Martin to become Associate Dean of the



College. Less than a year later, on March 9, 2015, Dr. Martin joined the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

The position of Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR) entails two main areas: graduate academics and research. Dean Martin and the SGSR provide support services to graduate students and to departments with graduate programs and process theses and dissertations. Dean Martin is the Research Integrity Officer and is responsible for investigating cases of research misconduct. As Dean of the SGSR, he oversees other issues related to research, such as the Institutional Review Board, and funding for travel and research. He is IUP's liaison with the Research Institute, which is a separate non-profit organization that facilitates the grant process.

Though new to the position, Dean Martin is familiar with graduate education and has a lot of plans. His goals are to determine what services and support are provided and what else the School of Graduate Studies and Research can do to support the University's mission. He wants to work on program revision and development to stay current with the needs of our ever changing society. There are forty-eight graduate programs at IUP and Dean Martin wants to provide support for those who currently are involved in research and those who want to become involved. He also would like to enhance external funding for graduate assistantships.

### Alumni Panel Discusses Careers in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The alumni career panel is held every year and gives students the opportunity to hear from alumni about job opportunities, career development, and current issues facing the criminal justice system. On February 26, 2015, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice invited five alumni to speak to current students. The alumni included: Raymond Robinson (BA), who works for the Shuman Detention Center; Stephanie L. Ackley (BA, MA), who does reentry services at Pine Grove Prison; Angela Lane (BA, MA), who works as a United States Postal Inspector; Patrick Dougherty (BA), who is the current Indiana County District Attorney; and Abby L. Blazavich (BA in Child Development and Family

Relations), who works for the Pennsylvania State Police. Alumni were asked about the courses they would recommend for future criminal justice professionals. Taking a foreign language (specifically Spanish), psychology classes, and public speaking courses were recommended. Alumni also discussed the importance of social media in their jobs. Social media can affect the reputation of police officers and departments and it can be used as an investigative tool by both police officers and future employers. Students were cautioned to be very careful about what they post online. Upon being asked about the best advice they ever received, Raymond Robinson stated “give respect to get it” and Patrick Dougherty insisted “be on time, be respectful.”





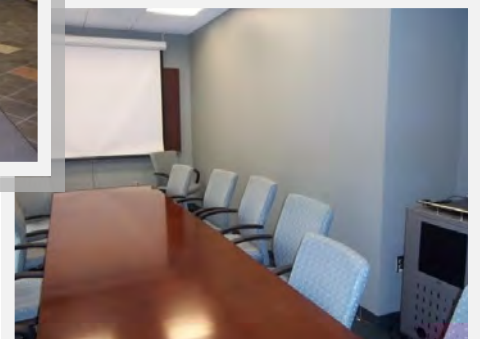
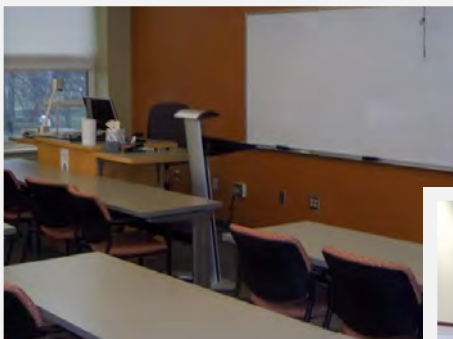
### The History of Wilson: The More Recent Decades

The State Teacher's College at Indiana became Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1965. Until 1969, Wilson Hall was used by the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology-Anthropology (Social Studies). Special education services for the University were located on the ground floor of Wilson Hall.

In 1969, Wilson Hall was used by the Departments of Psychology and Criminology. Wilson Hall continued to be used for classroom space by various departments on campus. By 2006, Wilson Hall was in need of some updates. Students may remember dark classrooms in the basement, creaky floors, and problems with

temperature control.

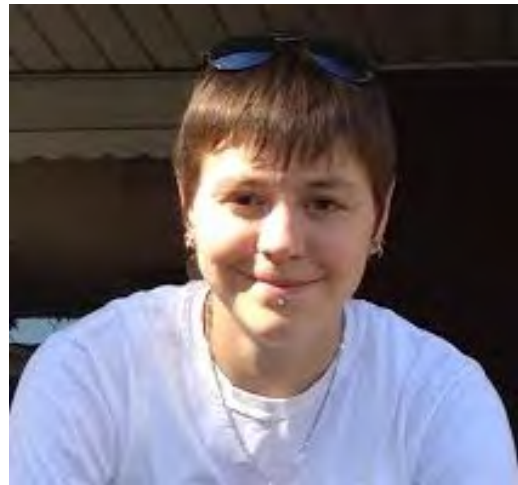
In 2007, IUP undertook a massive four-million dollar renovation of Wilson Hall. Renovations were complete by the spring semester of 2008 at which time Wilson Hall became the official home of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The twelve classrooms in the building were converted into the department office, faculty offices, an advising center for undergraduate Criminology majors, and four classrooms. The new classrooms were outfitted with modern technology, including computers and projectors.



## Student Spotlight: Lori Wiester

Lori Wiester is currently a student in the Criminology master's program. She previously received her associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Westmoreland Community College. She then transferred to IUP and received her bachelor's degree in 2012. Lori came to IUP because the Criminology program is very well known and highly regarded. When she got here, she realized why the Department had such an outstanding reputation. She found the professors to be wonderful. They were eager to help her and fostered her learning in the classroom. The professors have been big supporters of all of her endeavors. She insists that she could not have picked a better department of which to be a part. It is because of the "atmosphere of learning" and the tremendous support of her professors that Lori decided to stay at IUP for her master's degree.

While in the master's program, Lori has been able to work on research with professors. She worked on a project regarding "loaded language" in the media with Dr. Jonathan Cooper and Dr. Shannon Phaneuf. She also worked on intersectionality (the intersection of race and gender) outside of the social sciences. Lori presented about this topic at the Graduate Scholar's Forum. Lori is also President of IUP's chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, which is the national criminal justice



honors society. Since she became President, she has encouraged students to become more involved with the field by going to conferences. Over the past year, Alpha Phi Sigma has hosted many events, including a mock oral board for those interested in law enforcement in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Training Center, a Human Trafficking Awareness day, and social meetings. The organization also has fundraised to allow students to go to national criminology and criminal justice conferences. Lori currently is working on her thesis. She is examining sentencing disparities in Pennsylvania and how age, race, and gender affect sentencing in misdemeanor (less serious) offenses.

## Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference IUP Alumni Event



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## Congratulations to Spring 2015 Graduates

### *Bachelor of Arts*

Benjamin Adams\*  
 Clifford Adams  
 Travis Adams  
 Yogesh Amin  
 Christopher Anderson  
 Jason Anderson  
 Holly Andrews\*\*  
 Jose Aponte Jr.  
 Jered Arment  
 Denise Ashman  
 Bruce Atkins  
 Kristi Baross  
 Kayla Bash  
 Christopher Barr  
 Nick Bell  
 Erick Bergquist Jr.  
 Benjamin Bernhard\*\*  
 Katrina Billie  
 Brian Bittinger\*  
 Nathan Black\*\*  
 Shakar Blackwell

Laura Blair  
 Jeremy Bloom  
 Nathan Blose  
 Tyler Bolic  
 Najah Booker  
 Meghan Bono\*\*  
 Kacey Bowes  
 Brien Bracco  
 Alex Breno\*\*\*  
 Jesse Broda  
 Danielle Brown\*  
 Ralph Brown III  
 Luke Cellini  
 Michael Clawson  
 Adam Clemons  
 Kyle Cook  
 Stacy Cook  
 Kevin Cooney  
 Miriah Copenhaver\*\*  
 Julie Coyne\*  
 Donald Craine Jr.  
 Cody Crawford  
 James Creavey Jr.  
 Steven Cunningham  
 Kaitlynn Davidson\*\*

Jillian DeBolt\*\*  
 Jena Demek  
 Davis Denny  
 Cody Dill  
 Jeffrey Doht  
 Shelby Dove  
 Benjamin Druskin  
 Rowdy Durci\*\*  
 Michael Eisenberger  
 Jared Englehart  
 La'Queena Ferguson  
 Nicholas Ferragonio\*\*  
 Dylan Fishbaine  
 Cody Flora  
 Emily Forrest\*\*  
 Courtney Forsythe\*\*\*  
 Tiffany Fox\*\*\*  
 Nicholas Full  
 Naieem Furlow  
 Emily Gaertner  
 Allison Ganster\*\*\*  
 Kylie Gardo  
 Zachery Gault  
 Jacob Geer  
 John Gillette III

**Honors code**

(as of spring semester)

\*\*\* Summa cum laude  
 \*\* Magna cum laude  
 \* Cum laude



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Daynette Gonzalez-Munoz\*

Tyler Grantz

Zachery Grunberg\*

Victor Guze

Christopher Harris

Jeffrey Havelka

Quinton Heidler

Rita Henderson

Daniel Henry\*\*\*

Adam Hess

Jonathan Hess

Chiffon Holmes\*

Ashley Hoover

Joshua Hudak

Katelyn Iyob

Candice Jackson

Michael Janowski\*\*\*

Emily Johnson\*\*

Qu'Ondra Johnson

Justin Jones

Kayla Jones

Brittany Jordan

Jennifer Joy\*

Michael Kelly

Kayla Kerstetter\*

Matthew Kijowski\*\*

Devante King

Justin Kluchurosky

Adam Klunk

Briana Kramer

Kenneth Kruszka

Chelsea Kuntz

Richard Lauri Jr.

Nicholas Lekovitch

Alayna Lewis\*\*\*

Yamilec Lopez\*\*

Rachel Lorenz\*

Andrew Love

Ashley Lupro

Timothy Lynch Jr.\*\*

Ryan Mann

Kadeja Manus

Luke Martin

Marcus Martin

Tiana Mathis

Athena Mavroides

Caitlin McCabe

Zachary McCay

Eden McConnell

Robert McGrath

Kelsey McLachlan

Gabriella Mead\*\*\*

Alexis Milner

Makayla Minor

Ryan Mock

Katherine Moore

Andrew Morgan

Sharee Moses

Tyler Mroz\*

Christopher Muffi

Christina Mumau\*\*\*

Vincent Naccarelli

Joshua Natale

Daniel Nicholson

Deborah Nied

Benancia Nunez

Marissa Olean

Tyler Orner

Matthew Oross

Rebecca Page\*\*

Jonathan Palumbo\*

Jacqueline Pelicano

Jeffrey Pelusi

Kayla Pitzerell

Matthew Plaskon\*\*



## Congratulations to Spring 2015 Graduates

### ***Bachelor of Arts***

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Corey Pool***	Ryan Spencer	Geoffrey Walls
Christian Pugh**	Ryan Sotak	Cykhira Nancy Walton
Christopher Ramsden	Lindsay Stamp***	Bruce Waters
John Reken*	Amber Steinheiser**	Lindsey Weaver
Kelsey Reppert***	Lukas Steinour	Brandon Weber**
Robert Ressler*	Karly Stinedurf***	David Weigel
Alison Reynolds	Joseph Stoberski	Jonathan Whitlinger
Ashante Richards**	Amanda Strausbaugh*	Erika Wieczorkowski
Mark Richko	Stephen Susalla	Justin Wiley
Lamont Robinson II*	Bradley Swartzlander***	Dakota Wolf
James Rosencrans III	Caitlin Taylor	Elizabeth Wolfe***
Daniel Rothschild**	Mark Thomson	Paige Whitehouse
Chelsea Rowe	Sara Toomey	Kyle Wright
Lea Saunders	Azhura Townes	Janie Wright*
Jessica Schwartz	Sam Tuchin	Jerrod Yates*
Bridget Sciulli	Jordan Turner	Brandon Young***
David Scott Jr.	Kathleen Thorr	Christopher Yowler
Jacob Seefeld	Ashley Tyler***	Cody Zell
Martin Shedrick	William Uehlein	Mitchell Zell
Silken Shiffner	Joseph Urana*	
Christopher Shope	Anthony Vachino***	
Carley Smathers***	Ebonie Vann	
Walker Smith	Andy Veshinfsky	
Corbin Snyder	Taylor Vladic***	

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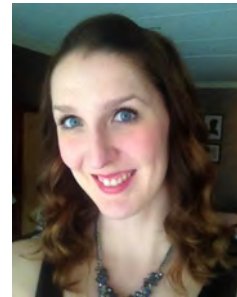
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**Chastity Eichele**  
**Brittany Siverinac**  
**Anthony Speiss**

**Cassandra Stroman**  
**Jason Vello**  
**Lori Weister**  
**Joseph Woodley**

### ***Doctor of Philosophy***

**Darla Darno**

*Comparing Strain at a Residential  
And Commuter Campus:  
A Test of General Strain Theory*



**Stacie Merken**

*The Effectiveness of Sex Offender  
Residency Restrictions in  
Alabama and Oklahoma:  
Are we Preventing Crime in the Heart  
Of Dixie and the Sooner State?*



**Kyle Ward**

*Rural Jail Reentry:  
Perceptions of Offender Needs  
and Challenges in Pennsylvania*

