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New Scholarship Named in Memory of IUP Graduate



The department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is proud to announce a new scholarship, which will be given to a graduating senior in the department who will be pursuing further education in a graduate program or law school. The scholarship was named in memory of John H. Armstrong, a 1970 IUP graduate.

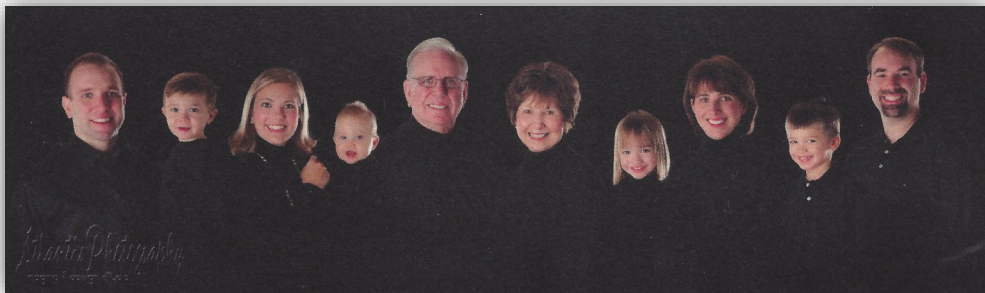
Mr. Armstrong was born in 1939 and served honorably in the U.S. Navy before entering the Pennsylvania Police Academy. He became a Pennsylvania State Trooper and was eventually promoted to corporal before being encouraged to go to college and obtain his bachelor's degree in Criminology. After graduating from IUP, Mr. Armstrong was specially selected for a program in which Pennsylvania State Troopers were given the opportunity to go to law school. The Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner, Rocco Urella, wanted internal counsel for the Pennsylvania State Police to be law school graduates and Troopers. Mr. Armstrong was one of three individuals selected for the program based on his LSAT (law school

entrance exam) score. He attended Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1975.

Mr. Armstrong then worked in Harrisburg in the Legal Division of the Pennsylvania State Police before retiring in 1978. Mr. Armstrong moved back to Indiana, Pennsylvania, worked for the Public Defender's Office, and opened his own law firm. In 1981 he joined a local law firm that became Holsinger, Clark, and Armstrong. He practiced for over 25 years, specializing in criminal and family law.

Mr. Armstrong was the treasurer of the Indiana County Bar Association, served 12 years on the Indiana Area School Board, and was a member of several community organizations including the Indiana County Children and Youth Advisory Board. He had a good sense of humor and was very well respected in the community. His wife, Kathy Armstrong, to whom he was married for 46 years, is also an IUP graduate, with a BS in elementary education. The rest of his family are IUP graduates as well. His son, John D. Armstrong has a BS in Finance and his wife Stephanie as a BS in Art Education. Mr. Armstrong's daughter, Marybeth Lehman has an MA in Biology and her husband Michael has a BS and an MA in Physics. Mr. Armstrong has four grandchildren.

Mr. Armstrong was always grateful for his education at IUP. He had said that it was the best decision he could have made, as it opened the door to his legal career. His children, knowing how important IUP was to Mr. Armstrong, suggested a student scholarship named in his memory.



The Armstrong Family: John, Abram, Stephanie, Lucas, John, Kathy, Kate, Marybeth, Jack, and Michael

Alumni Spotlight: Stephanie Edinger



Stephanie Edinger graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Criminology. She finished her last semester after deploying to Iraq in 2003-2004. She enjoyed her time at IUP and made a lot of good friends. She loved the campus and enjoyed the variety of courses in the Criminology program. She learned a lot as a Criminology major including how to interact with people from different

backgrounds. Since graduating from IUP, Ms. Edinger worked as a civilian for the Department of the Army and

currently works for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She started at the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2005.

She is currently working as a virtual employee in the Central Office in Washington, D.C. She advises Human Resources Offices on regulations related to federal health benefits, dental and vision benefits, life insurance, and retirement. Ms. Edinger also is celebrating her 15th year in the Army Reserves. She is now a Captain and is the Company Commander for a Military Police Company. She has found this to be very rewarding. She is in charge of 167 soldiers in four different platoons. Ms. Edinger is in charge of the welfare of soldiers, planning, and the daily operations of the unit. Ms. Edinger has found her degree from IUP to be very useful and her Criminal Law class has helped in her military service.

Alumni Connection Leads to Policing Career for Student

Ashley Mosner was interested in being a police officer from the time she was in middle school. She came to IUP to play field hockey and quickly declared a major in Criminology. After completing an internship, she began exploring various options for a career in policing. Dr. Lee, the internship coordinator, put her in contact with Mark McCoy, an IUP alumnus and police officer with the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department. Officer Mosner started the application process and actually graduated a year early. She started the police academy in October of 2014. The academy was six months long and she took courses on driving, law, and patrol procedures.

She finished the academy in April, participated in fifteen weeks of a field officer training program, and has been on her own as a patrol officer for a few months. She absolutely loves her job and the department for which she works. Officer Mosner is extremely grateful for the opportunities she had at IUP. Her classes, especially

Crime and Justice Systems and Theoretical Criminology, have been invaluable to her as a police officer. Officer Mosner is looking forward to coming back to IUP to help recruit more officers for her police department.



Ashley Mosner and Mark McCoy

Department Professors Win Awards

ERIKA FRENZEL



Erika Frenzel is an Associate Professor in the Department. She won the Outstanding Teacher Award for the College of Health and Human Services at a ceremony last year. She was nominated by two faculty members and then she submitted an application outlining her achievements. She included student evaluations and a summary

of mentorship and support of students outside of the classroom. Dr. Frenzel has worked on research with both undergraduate and graduate students. She is currently the PhD Coordinator for the Department.

Dr. Frenzel has also developed several interesting teaching strategies which she outlined in the application. For example, she requires students to complete a guided journal assignment in her Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure and Crime course. The course

deals with sensitive subjects and some students can be hesitant in discussing these matters. The journal assignment allows students to discover, for themselves, the issues that struggling individuals face on a daily basis. Each student is given a profile- some have no education, some have felonies on their records and all are unemployed with children. Weekly assignments involve finding a job, making a budget and locating a place to live. Students discuss their thoughts and feelings on each assignment and the class has a more open discussion of race and poverty. One of Dr. Frenzel's assignments in her Media and Crime class encourages critical thinking and creativity. Students are asked to create a form of media that addresses the misrepresentation of crime in the media. In the past, students have created songs, music videos, news broadcasts, and a children's book.

Teaching is extremely important to Dr. Frenzel. "Out of all of the things that I do, I think teaching is most important. [...] It is exciting for me to come up with new ideas that challenge students to think and that create forms of self learning."

DENNIS GIEVER

Dennis Giever, a professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, recently earned the College of Health and Human Services Outstanding Senior Researcher Award. The award is given to a senior faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to research. Dr. Giever has engaged in research since he came to IUP in 1998. Dr. Giever was involved in a SCI Pine Grove evaluation project funded by a National Institute of Justice grant. He was also involved with an evaluation of Pennsylvania's Juvenile Prosecution and Defense Capacity Building Projects funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Dr. Giever worked with faculty members in the Computer Science Department to secure a National Science Foundation grant which helped IUP become a center for academic excellence in Information Assurance. He has also worked to secure grants for the Criminal Justice Training Center which provides

continuing education and training for Pennsylvania constables. Dr. Giever helped to create a Master of Science program in Strategic Studies to train FBI personnel.

Dr. Giever's current interest is data analytics. Data analytics refers to the examination of extremely large data sets in order to find patterns and make conclusions. Dr. Giever is hoping to use data analytics to identify insurance fraud and he hopes to bring a data analytics program to IUP.



Get to Know the Department Staff



Dottie Hillard has worked as department support staff for over eleven years. Part of her job is to make sure that “things run smoothly.” She designs the graduation program and PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Hillard is also the department photographer. She has taken pictures of the building, faculty, and students for use on the department’s website and other publications. Ms. Hillard also updates the department’s website and Facebook page, works with the budget, and assists with any faculty concerns. She oversees the student workers in the office and creates brochures and banners for the department. Over the years, she has enjoyed, getting to know the students and observing their accomplishments. In her free time, Ms. Hillard likes spending time with her grandchildren and quilting.

Jenny Anderson has worked for IUP for 15 years, but is a recent addition to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. She joined the Department in February of 2015 as a secretary. Mrs. Anderson is currently working on the paralegal program and organizing the alumni events at upcoming conferences. Mrs. Anderson is also working on the Ambassadors Program. The Ambassadors Program sends alumni of the Department to college fairs with individuals from the admissions office. Potential criminology and criminal justice students will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the program with prior students. Mrs. Anderson is married, has one daughter and enjoys crafts and outdoor activities in her free time.

Nathan Winters is the graduate secretary in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He has worked for the Department for two years. He enjoys his position and likes working with the graduate students. His primary duty involves administrative support for the graduate programs. Mr. Winters processes paperwork, manages databases, and keeps track of individuals in the programs and those applying to the programs. He also manages the budget for the graduate programs and is working on recruiting efforts for the Department. Mr. Winters is working to get more alumni involved and build the alumni network with programs and events.

Student Profile

“Justin Johnston of Curwensville is working for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education.

Johnston is a senior criminology major and homeland security minor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is one of 14 students participating in the Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester’s worth of credits. THIS invites students from each of the State System universities to participate.

Johnston, the son of Dale and Valerie Johnston, is a 2008 graduate of Curwensville Area High School. He and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their fall semester internship. Each of the students also will complete an individualized research project as part of the program’s requirements.

More than 600 students from the State System universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

State System students interested in participating in THIS in a future semester may obtain information on the program by contacting their individual campus coordinator or their university’s cooperative or internship office, or by calling the Dixon University Center at (717) 720-4089. More information on the program also is available at the Harrisburg Internship Semester website.

Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, with about 110,000 degree-seeking students and thousands more who are enrolled in certificate and other career-development programs. About 90 percent of the students who attend the 14 State System universities are Pennsylvania residents, and about 80 percent will remain in the state after graduation. Collectively, the universities that comprise the State System offer more than 2,300 degree and certificate programs in more than 530 academic areas. Nearly



520,000 State System university alumni live in Pennsylvania.

The State System universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester universities of Pennsylvania. The universities also operate branch campuses in Oil City (Clarion), Freeport and Punxsutawney (IUP), and Clearfield (Lock Haven), and offer classes and programs at several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and in Center City in Philadelphia.”

~Article compliments of IUP Department of Communications and Marketing

The First Recipient of the C. Edward Keller Scholarship Starts College

Rose Solomond grew up near Wexford, Pennsylvania with nine siblings. She attended Aquinas Academy and was active with the school field hockey team, even becoming the team captain during her senior year. She became interested in criminology and criminal justice when she was in her junior year of high school and planned to go to college, but needed to get a scholarship to be able to attend. Miss Solomond learned of the C. Edward Keller Scholarship last year and then wrote an essay to apply. She was interviewed by faculty members of the Department and C. Edward Keller.

When she found out she had won the award, she was so excited and her family was very proud of her. Her dream of going to college and major in criminology and criminal justice was going to come true. She joined the Honors College and started classes this semester. Miss Solomond is enjoying IUP. She says the campus is beautiful and she loves being a part of the Honors College. She is taking a number of classes and really likes her Criminology and Criminal Justice 101 class. She is very thankful for the opportunity to be at IUP.



Rose Solomond



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