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### DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CYBERSECURITY AND SOCIOLOGY



Welcome to our department and to our programs in

We appreciate the chance to share a little about our recent accomplishments as you consider the University of Scranton as your academic home for the next few years.

But first, we would like to offer a few things that distinguish us from other types of similar academic institutions and programs.

- We offer a flexible curriculum that offers students the opportunity to take advantage of multiple internship opportunities and the ability to complete a minor or double major.
- The Criminal Justice Department has collaborations with the University's Chemistry Department (for a Forensic Chemistry major) and the University's Business School (on a Forensic Accounting track and the 5yr BS/MS program).
- Our faculty are nationally and internationally known and have experience in the field.
- Students can engage with the active Criminal Justice Club (Omega Sigma Alpha), which is a new Chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association, and the Cyber Investigation Club that regularly bring in speakers, coordinate off-campus trips, engage in community service and compete in national cybercrime competitions.
- Our Criminal Justice program is one of only nine criminal justice undergraduate programs in the United States to obtain certification from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).
- Our Center for the Analysis & Prevention of Crime (CAPoC) and the Cyber-Forensics and Cybersecurity Lab gives students the chance to work with faculty and practitioners on research and skills that are pertinent to their future professional fields.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our department. I hope you enjoy the updates on our faculty, students and alumni shared here. We look forward to welcoming you to the department soon!

Yours in Justice,

Michael Denkins, Ph. D.,



We prepare students for fulfilling careers in policing, courts, corrections, cybercrime prevention and investigation and social service. Our students develop critical thinking, research, analytical and technological skills while learning about equality and social justice. We are just one block from downtown Scranton, which means we have easy access to state and federal courts, law firms, social service agencies, and the police department. We incorporate the principles of Catholic, Jesuit and Ignation Education: especially with genuine care for each student and emphasis on social justice.

### **Criminal Justice**

A degree in criminal justice at the University of Scranton can prepare you for a career in federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as community and institutional corrections. It can prepare you as well for advanced study in law, criminology and public administration.



### **Cybercrime & Homeland Security**

Cybercrime is a serious threat to organizations around the world. Because of that, the cybersecurity industry is rapidly growing everyday. Our program in Cybercrime & Homeland Security is designed to prepare you to meet the growing demand for evaluating and managing and defending from complex cybersecurity incidents and threats, as well as learn about the effect of terrorism on our country.

### Sociology

Sociology majors have a strong background in writing, theory, critical thinking and research. These skills, that come along with the understanding of the nuances of human interaction, are essential to a number of different occupations such as: research, administration, public health, human services, business, counseling, corrections, law, politics and public relations.



### Ready to explore your options? We offer courses in:

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Ethical Hacking
- Sociological theory
- Cyber-intelligence
- Race & Ethnic Relations
- American Policing
- Terrorism
- Homeland Security
- Law and American Court System
- Sociology
- Digital Forensic Investigation
- Emergency Management
- Police Criminalistics

"Our faculty are highly trained, professionally active, and at the top of their fields. All are doing research and taking students under their wing." - James Roberts, Ph.D.

# Alpha Phi Sigma The National Criminal Justice Society 2022-2023 Inductees

- Athina Pramagioulis
- Alexandria Maniscalco
- Clare Maguire
- Owen Mueller

# Alpha Kappa Delta

The National Honor Society for Sociology

2022- 2023 Inductees

Sontae Petrie

### **Internship Opportunities**

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Pennsylvania State Prison
- Scranton City Police
- U.S. Secret Service and U.S Marshals
- County Probation
- J.P. Morgan
- District Attorney's Office
- Dunmore Police Department
- Lackawanna County Police
- Lackawanna County Sheriff
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Security Agency
- Community Intervention Center
- The Institute for Economic and Public Policy
- Cyber & Infrastructure Security Agency

### Where are our alumni?

- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- FB
- Counterterrorism
- Private Security Analysis
- U.S. Immigration and Customs
- Local & State Police Departments
- Federal Corrections
- Public Defenders Office
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Private Sectors for Cybercrime
- Civil Division in Courts



## Department News



The Criminal Justice Department will be hosting it's 3rd Royal Cyber Investigation Camp for High School Students this summer. The Royal Cyber Investigation Camp is a three-days camp that will focus on increasing student interest in cybercrime investigation by teaching cybersecurity knowledge, safe online behavior, and cyber forensics investigation. Camp participants will engage in hands-on explorations of the many aspects of cybersecurity including foundation of cybersecurity, cyber law, ethical hacking, and digital forensics investigation techniques. Camp participants will explore the world of cyber investigation with experts in the field through fun, real-world learning experiences enhanced by teacher-student interaction.



Dr. Ismail Onat and Mehmet Bastug co-authored in the article "Fears of cyberterrorism, terrorism, and terrorist attacks: an empirical comparison" in the Journal of Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression. Bastug and Onat also presented their research article "The Influence of Media Exposure on the Fear of Cyberterrorism" at the American Society of Criminology in November of last year.



Dr. Meghan Ashlin Rich presented a paper at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD in February 2023: "This New Orleans Hustle": Artist Survival during the COVID-19 Pandemic." This research stems from a year-long ethnographic study of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on arts and cultural communities in New Orleans.



The Criminal Justice Department is offering a summer course where they will travel to Navajo Nation in Arizona from July 5th to July 12th to visit government offices and engage in cultural activities. Site visits will include: Navajo Government Offices, Sacred Sites, Anasazi Ruins, the Grand Canyon and National Parks. It can count as a CJ, SOC, or free elective. The \$1,600 fee covers your lodging, on-ground transportation, some meals, and entrance to all group activities. Additionally, you will need to purchase your flight and pay the summer tuition rate.



Dr. Jenkins recently completed an 18 month leadership program led by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. The Ignation Colleagues Program brings together leaders from Jesuit institutions and higher education through regular webinars, conferences, retreats and a cultural immersion experience to help form mission-oriented leaders.

# Alumni Spotlight



Col. Christopher Paris '98 graduated from the University of Scranton with a degree in criminal justice and is also an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department. He was chosen to lead the Pennsylvania State Police as a State Police Commissioner and is serving over 3.3 million residents. He has served as a Station and Troop Commander, Area III Commander, and as the Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Professional Responsibility.





