



## Annual Report 2023-24 Department of Justice Studies San José State University



## Introduction

During October 2023, we celebrated 20 years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science. In 2003, the forensic science program began. Steven Lee, director of R&D at the California Department of Justice DNA Laboratory, joined SJSU and began building the program. During that same year, we became the Department of Justice Studies; formerly we were the Administration of Justice Department. As Mona Lynch, who chaired the Department in 2005 observed, the name change reflects our mission to pursue justice broadly-conceived with multiple disciplines, degree programs and faculty expertise.

Thanks to Steve Lee and Mona Lynch for joining us at our event and giving fascinating presentations about Department. Colleen Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy* (2005), gave a presentation about this emerging field. Bibiana Resendez, student speaker at the College of Social Sciences commencement event in Spring 2023, shared her SJSU success story. We also heard from three distinguished alumni: Melissa Canela, Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley; Eduardo Bautista Duran, University of California-Berkeley; and Sheree Martinek, Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender.

In May 2024, we celebrated achievement with a research symposium, scholarship awards, inaugural lecture and poster session. Gabriela Gonzalez, Dallas Augustine and Justin Strong—three of our newest assistant professors—gave presentations about their research. Bryce Westlake and Jodie Warren presented certificates to our 2024 scholarship recipients. Claudio Vera Sanchez gave his inaugural lecture on the occasion of his promotion to full professor. Graduate students pursuing the MS in Justice Studies and MS Criminology gave poster presentations about their research projects at the graduate showcase event.

Looking ahead to 2024-25, we will be developing spaces in the Science building for a teaching laboratory, research laboratory and crime scene suite to support the Forensic Science program. These spaces will complement Room 207 in the Health Sciences building which has doubled as a teaching and research laboratory. We will also be implementing a new model for undergraduate advising to enhance student success. My thanks to Dina Kameda, Mary Juno, Natalie Birthelmer and Carlos Singh for agreeing to take on the new role of designated advisor.

It's a great time to be part of the Department of Justice Studies!

Paul Knepper  
Professor and Chair  
June 2024

Cover photos. Top: Jodie Warren, Bryce Westlake and Mark Barash with scholarship recipients Priscilla Aramburo, Briana Farias, Abrie Christen Rodas and Luis Sanchez. Bottom left: Graduating senior John Medina with Dina Kameda. Bottom right: Dallas Augustine.

## Student Awards and Recognition

Samantha Boman received an A.S. 55 award from the Associated Students of SJSU at the Student Leadership Gala, May 7, 2024.



*Forensic Science Club at the Student Leadership Gala*

The Forensic Science Club was named Academic/Honorary Organization of the Year by the Associated Students of SJSU at the Student Leadership Gala, May 7, 2024.

Darya Kashani was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Record Clearance Project at the Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science event on October 26, 2023.

Hannah Lyons was recognized for her role as managing editor of the *Themis* journal (2022-2023) at the Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science event on October 26, 2023.

Huda Mirza was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the Record Clearance Project at the Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science event on October 26, 2023.

Bibiana Resendez, the student speaker at the College of Social Sciences commencement in May 2023, spoke at the Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science event on October 26, 2023.

Abrie Christen Joaquin Rodas received a \$1000 scholarship from the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association. She will be honored at a FALEO event in San Francisco on July 27, 2024.

## Scholarships

Each year, the Department of Justice Studies awards a number of scholarships made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends. The 2024 Scholarship Committee, chaired by Bryce Westlake, made awards to several students.

Priscilla Aramburo received the Kristopher Boaz Claspill Memorial Scholarship, \$5000.

Abrie Christen Rodas received the Jeffrey Fontana Memorial Scholarship, \$2000.

Briana Farias received the Simpson and Silva Memorial Scholarship, \$2000.

Ana Perez received the Shelby Brewer Memorial Scholarship, \$2500.

Anthony Tomasson received the Paula Stone Hubbell Memorial Scholarship, \$3000.

Zoe Simmons received the Theresa Edel Memorial Scholarship, \$2000.

Iliana Jasso received the Daniel Lomio Memorial Scholarship, \$2000.

Luis Sanchez received the Willard Schmidt Memorial Scholarship, \$2000.

Adriana Edmonds received a J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Scholarship, \$1500.

Luis Sanchez received a J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Scholarship, \$2000.

Fryda Huizar received a J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Scholarship, \$2000.

Samantha Boman received the Molly Marquez Justice Studies Memorial Scholarship and Spirit Award, \$500.

### **Student Activities**

Samantha Boman served as Managing Editor of *Themis: The Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*

Rowan Dunton served as Editorial Advisor of *Themis: The Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science*

Adriana Edmonds will be a paid summer intern with San Mateo Crime Lab beginning June 2024.

David Ho, who worked with Shawna Bolton doing cartilage research, has been accepted for the NASA GeneLab Internship.

Sophie Konieczny and Jasmine Nguyen worked as lab assistants with Mark Barash during Summer and Fall 2023.

Dan Arashiro and Jasmine Ascencio attended the 'Hidden Homicides: The Challenges of Staged Crime Scenes' workshop sponsored by Alliance for Hope International, High Peak, Colorado, October 2023.

James Flemmings completed an internship during Spring 2024 in Sacramento at the office of California State Senator Dave Cortese.

Huda Mirza and Asia Bowie moderated panels for the Prelaw Diversity and Inclusion Project led by the Record Clearance Project.

Jasmine Nguyen, Brooke Sutton and Lauren Hernandez, working with Mark Barash, wrote a blog entitled 'Not as Clean as you wish: DNA Persistence and Transfer in a Laundry Scenario' featured by the International Symposium on Human Identification, November 16, 2023.

### **Student Clubs**

Alpha Phi Sigma (APS) The Department of Justice Studies is home to the Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice honor society. APS aims to make a difference on our campus, in our community, and in our society. President, Lisa Oxner; vice president, Avra Rossman; treasurer, Shreya Bhatnagar; webmaster, Hannah Lyons; secretary, Yasmin Contreras. Dina Kameda and Hal Peterson, faculty advisors.

During the Fall Semester 2023, APS assisted with the Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science event and offered an advising session for undergraduates in Justice Studies and Criminology. The club also organized a drive to collect toys, food and hygiene products for the Sacred Heart Community Service in San Jose.

Chi Pi Sigma (CPS) is a co-educational criminal justice fraternity established at SJSU in 1935. The fraternity provides members with social, professional, and educational skills for successful careers in



criminal justice professions. President, Salvador Castro; vice president, Arlene Saenz; secretary, Odalis Tapia; philanthropy chair, Ebony Acosta; treasurer, Raquel Campos; social chair, Tariq Jalali. Susie Rivera, faculty advisor.

*Students 4 Success at the Celebrating 20 Years event*

Forensic Science Club (FSC) is an undergraduate student group for students of any major interested in forensic science. FSC serves a peer network for advising and seeks to connect students with forensic science professions. President, Samantha Boman; vice president, Adriana Pliego; secretary, Monica Chu; treasurer, Fatema Balkhi; communications director, Autumn Le; head of event planning, Karla Suarez. Mark Barash, faculty advisor.

During Spring 2024, the FSC took a tour of the Santa Clara Crime laboratory and held a speaker event welcoming back three alumni: Madison Gowan, Sarah Pawloski and Susan Huynh. They also had several social activities including bracelet-making and scavenger hunt. During Fall 2023, FSC organized weekly study sessions, a peer mentor program, and fundraisers. FSC demonstrated laboratory analysis and crime scene investigations for high school students at a CSI mini-camp organized by Shawna Bolton on June 12, 2024.



*Forensic Science at Sciencepalooza*

Students 4 Success (S4S) Based in the Department of Justice Studies, Students 4 Success is open to students of any major. The club seeks to provide members with a supportive environment to learn the skills needed for achievement in their current academic and future career. The club organizes networking events, hosts workshops, and offers opportunities for community engagement. Maya Groves, president. Sheree Martinek, faculty advisor.

On April 18, 2024, the club hosted a digital resumé workshop led by Brandon Gregg, CEO of Geogentia and SJSU alumnus.

## Graduate Theses

Andrea O'Neill successfully defended her thesis, 'Using BDSM as a Therapeutic Tool to Process Trauma' Spring 2024; Bryce Westlake, supervisor.

Patricia Advincula successfully defended her thesis, 'We'll Handle our Business: How Immigrant Perceptions of Police and Police Legitimacy Influence Legal Cynicism and the Mobilization of Law' January 2024; Alessandro De Giorgi, supervisor.

## Graduate Student Activities

Everet Glynn works on the staff of the Record Clearance Project.

Seven MSJS students, Eva Gonzalez, Veronica Hughes, Sophia Jauregui, Samantha Magbulos, Badiana Marinez-Garcia, Emily Nguyen and Jaime Sanchez, gave poster presentations at the Graduate Showcase event organized by Ericka Adams on May 10, 2024.

Three MS Criminology students, Najaby Orobio, Catherine Richards and Megan Williams, gave poster presentations at the Graduate Showcase event organized by Ericka Adams on May 10, 2024.



*Poster session at the Graduate Showcase event*

## Faculty and Staff Awards and Recognition

Natalie Birthelmer achieved the status of Senior Lecturer.

Shawna Bolton received the 2023-24 College of Social Sciences award for teaching excellence, Tenure Track Faculty. She was honored by Dean Anne Marie Todd at the CoSS event on May 2, 2024.

Jeremiah Garrido received the 2023-24 College of Social Sciences award for teaching excellence, Lecturer Faculty. He was honored by Dean Anne Marie Todd at the CoSS event on May 2, 2024.

Dina Kameda was named a semi-finalist for the 2023-24 University Outstanding Lecturer Award.

Kevin Lynch was elevated to Lecturer B.

BookAuthority named Stephen Morewitz's *Handbook of Forensic Sociology and Psychology* to the top 100 best-selling sociology ebooks of all time.

Carol Santos received an honorable mention for the University Distinguished Service Award. She was recognized by President Cynthia Teniente-Matson at the Celebrating Spartans: Honoring Faculty and Staff event on March 28, 2024.

Carol Santos received the 2023-24 College of Social Sciences Staff Excellence Award. She was honored by Dean Anne Marie Todd at the CoSS event on May 2, 2024.

Peggy Stevenson received the College of Social Sciences Meritorious Service Award. She was honored by Dean Anne Marie Todd at the College of Social Sciences Award Ceremony on May 2, 2024

Jodie Warren was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor.

Jodie Warren, as president of GAIN--Gathering of Academic Indigenous & Native Americans--at SJSU, received a Leadership in Education Award from Assemblymember Ash Kalra. The award ceremony took place during the Native American Heritage Celebration at Muwekma Ohlone Middle School in San Jose on November 30, 2023.



*Jeremiah Garrido, Shawna Bolton, Peggy Stevenson and Carol Santos with Dean Anne Marie Todd at the College of Social Sciences awards event*

### **Faculty Presentations**

Ericka Adams presented a paper, with Elsa Chen and Sarah Lageson, 'The Relationship Between Criminal Record Engagement and Family Relationships' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Ericka Adams presented a paper, with Elsa Chen and Sarah Lageson, 'Passage and Implementation of Automatic Criminal Record Expungement' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Ericka Adams was an invited presenter, with Elsa Chen and Sarah Lageson, for 'Automated Criminal Record Expungement: Benefits, Challenges and Opportunities' at the Clean Slate Initiative event (online), October 4, 2023.

Ericka Adams presented a paper, with Elsa Chen and Sarah Lageson, 'Automated Criminal Record Expungement: Benefits, Challenges and Opportunities' at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Dallas Augustine presented a paper, 'Does Parole "Work"? Parole Conditions as Barriers to Employment' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Dallas Augustine and Gabriela Gonzalez co-presented a paper, with Natalie Pifer, Melissa Barragan and Keramet Reiter, 'Concentrated Inequality at the Deep End of the Criminal Justice System: Understanding the Disparate Impact of Solitary Confinement on Latinx Prisoners' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Dallas Augustine presented a paper, co-authored with Natalie Pifer, 'The Afterlife of Solitary Confinement: Reentry Shocks Within a Total Institution', at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Dallas Augustine gave an invited presentation, 'The Paradox of Parole Supervision' at the RSCA Five Faculty Short Talks on Social Responsibility event sponsored by SJSU's Office of Research on March 1, 2024.



Mark Barash was a featured speaker at the Human Identification Solutions conference (online) May 14-15, 2024. He spoke on the topic 'Unlocking Justice: The AI Revolution in Forensic Science'.

Mark Barash gave a poster presentation 'Not as Clean as You Wish: DNA Persistence and Transfer in a Laundry Scenario' at the International Symposium on Human Identification, Denver, September 2023.

*Alessandro De Giorgi*

Alessandro De Giorgi gave an invited lecture 'Punishment and Political Economy in the USA: 1960-2000' for the graduate program in Critical Criminology at University of Padua, Italy, April 2024.

Gabriela Gonzalez presented a paper, "'We Got Us': Strategies of Deportation Resistance Among Undocumented Immigrants' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Gabriela Gonzalez co-presented with Johnny Ramirez at a plática entitled 'Chicanas/os and the Criminal Justice System' organized by SJSU's Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, November 2023.

Gabriela Gonzalez gave a presentation on 'How Systems of Punishment Perpetuate Injustice and Affect SJSU Students, Their Families and Their Communities' to the College of Humanities and Arts, March 2024.

Gabriela Gonzalez presented a paper, '(un)Intended Consequences? Criminalizing Latino Mixed-Status Families Through Immigration Enforcement' at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, Denver, June 2024.

Grace Howard presented a paper, 'The Pregnancy Police Post Dobbs' at the annual meeting of the Women's Studies Association, Baltimore, October 2023.

Grace Howard gave an invited lecture in Tia Kolbab's History of Abortion course, Rutgers University, April 2024.

Grace Howard was invited to give the 2024 Gordon Sandison Lecture Memorial Lecture for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Western Washington University, May 14. Her lecture was entitled 'The Pregnancy Police: Conceiving Crime, Arresting Personhood'.

Grace Howard was a featured speaker at the Faculty Research and Advocacy Showcase, October 23, 2023, organized by SJSU's Office of Research.

Grace Howard was an invited speaker at the Nammour Symposium, Sacramento State University, April 19, 2024. Her presentation was entitled 'The Pregnancy Police: Conceiving Crime, Arresting Personhood'.

Grace Howard presented a paper, 'Dobbs and the Pregnancy Police' at the Law & Society Association annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Grace Howard was a panelist at a lunch-and-learn session at SJSU's Gender Equity Center entitled 'Reproductive Justice is Racial Justice' March 2024.

Sang Kil presented a paper, 'The Unbearable Whiteness of Seeing: How Whiteness as Neoliberalism Promotes Racism in the News Coverage of Trump's "Muslim Travel Ban"' at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Paul Knepper gave a plenary address, 'Cesare Lombroso and the Origin Story for Criminology' at the annual meeting of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy, September 8, 2023.



Paul Knepper gave a plenary address, 'The Entangled History of August Vollmer's Model for Policing' at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Meeting of New Researchers in Police and Crime History hosted by the University Institute of Lisbon, November 22-24, 2023 (online).

Susie Rivera spoke at a panel on 'Positive Youth Justice: From Punishment to Accountability and Healing' at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' National Conference on Juvenile Justice, Cleveland, March 2024.

Justin Strong presented a paper, 'De-instituting Penal Power' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

*Claudio Vera Sanchez*

Claudio Vera Sanchez presented a paper 'Defunding, Abolition or Reform: The Future of Policing' at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Jodie Warren co-presented a paper, with Venice Guillory-Lacy, Kerri Malloy, Soma de Bourbon and Elisa Aquino, 'Native American and Indigenous Students Experiences: Focus Group Report Back to Community on Campus' at SJSU, February 2024.

Jodie Warren co-presented a paper, with Venice Guillory-Lacy, Kerri Malloy, Soma de Bourbon and Elisa Aquino, 'Native American and Indigenous Student Experiences at San José State University' at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Education and Justice, Honolulu, October 2023.

Bryce Westlake gave an oral presentation, 'A Framework for the Ethical and Legal Use of Web Scrapers for Cybercrime Researchers' at the annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, Adelaide, Australia, December 2023.

### Faculty Publications



Maguire, E; Telep, CW; Abt, T and Adams, E (2024) 'Protocol: Street Outreach Conflict Mediation Programs for Reducing Violence' *Campbell Systematic Reviews* 20(2): 1-12.

Barragan, M; Augustine, D; Gonzalez, G; and Reiter, K. (2023) 'Deconstructing the Power Dynamics of Prison Research' *The Prison Journal* 103 (6) 769-790.

Cloud, D.H.; Haney, C; Augustine, D; Abalt, C and Williams, B (2023) 'The Resource Team: A Case of Solitary Confinement Reform in Oregon' *PlosOne* 18(7) 281-287.

Augustine, Dallas (2023) 'Coerced Work During Parole: Prevalence, Mechanisms and Characteristics' *Criminology* 61, 546-581.

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Raven, M; Evans, J; Augustine, D; DeWilde, K; Henderson, J; Kanzaria, H; Paolillo, S; Perez, K; Pratt, L; Skog, A; and Lance, J (2023) '766 San Francisco Residents may be eligible for referral to CARE Court' *California Policy Lab* February 27, 2023.

Mark Barash, Dennis McNevin, Vladimir Federenko, and Pavel Giverts (2023) 'Machine Learning Applications Forensic DNA Profiling: A Critical Review' *Forensic Science International: Genetics* 69:1-15.

Giverts, P; Sorokina, K; Barash, M; Fedorenko, V (2024) 'The use of machine learning for the determination of a type/model of firearms by the characteristics on cartridge cases' *Forensic Science International* 358: 1-12.

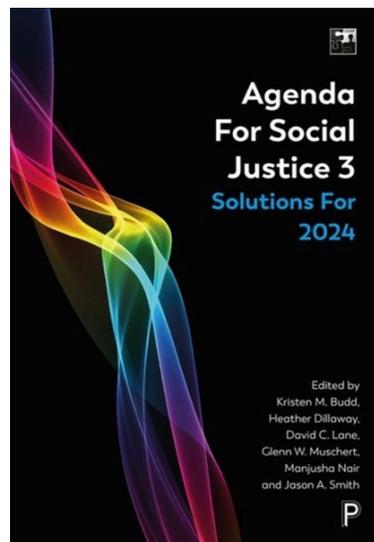
John Halushka (2023) *Getting the Runaround: Formerly Incarcerated Men and the Bureaucratic Barriers to Reentry*. Oakland: University of California Press.

Gabriela Gonzalez, (2023) 'Undocumented Consciousness: Citizenship and Illegality in the Lives of US Citizen Youth' *Law & Policy* 45(1): 45-65.

Patler, Caitlin and Gabriela Gonzalez, (2023) 'Well-being, Changes to Academic Behavior, and Resilience Among Families Experiencing Parental Immigration Imprisonment' *American Behavioral Scientist* 1-18.

Patler, C; Gonzalez, G; Guzman, M; Paez, G (2024) 'If I Talk About It, I Start Crying: Children's Responses to Parental Imprisonment in US Immigration Prisons' In M. Peterie, ed, *Immigration Detention and Social Harm: The Collateral Impacts of Migrant Incarceration*. New York: Routledge.

Gonzalez, Gabriela (2024) 'Immigration Enforcement: The Impact of Crimmigration on Mixed-Immigration-Status Families in the U.S.' In Budd, KM; Dillaway, H; Muschert, G; Nair, M; Lane, DC; and Smith, J, *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions for 2024*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.



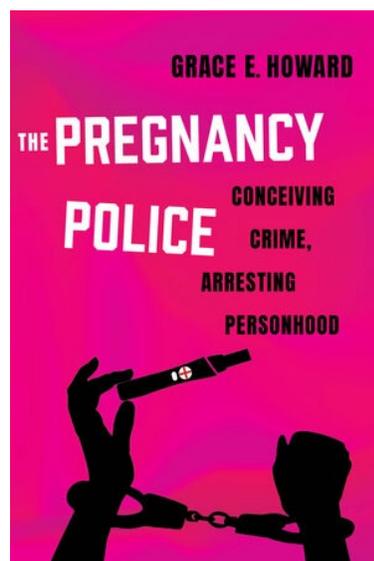
Grace Howard contributed an op-ed to Ms. Magazine, 'Weaponizing the Law to Punish people for Miscarriage', December 12, 2023.

Grace Howard published an op-ed in *Visible* magazine, 'Crisis Pregnancy Centers are a Threat, Even if You Don't Want an Abortion' October 18, 2023.

Grace Howard, 'Introduction' for the *Plan B Art Project* book, showing pieces exhibited in Shawna Burke's curated travelling art show.

Grace Howard (2024, Jan 5) 'The Harsh Legal Reality of Fetal Personhood' *The Progressive Magazine*.

Grace Howard (2023, Dec) 'Study on Fetal Fentanyl exposure risks replicating debunked "crack baby" panic' *Truthout*



Grace Howard (2024) *The Pregnancy Police: Conceiving Crime, Arresting Personhood*. Oakland: University of California Press.

Guillory-Lacy, v; Warren, J; Aquino, E; Malloy, K; and De Bourbon, S (2024) 'Decolonizing Qualitative Research: A TribalCrit Approach to the Study of Native American and Indigenous Students at an MSI' *SAGE Diversifying and Decolonizing Research Methods*

Paul Knepper (2024) 'Cesare Lombroso and the Body in the Morgue' in Stephen MacDonald and Donna Peacock, eds, *Routledge Handbook of Disability, Crime and Justice*. New York: Routledge.

Paul Knepper (2024) 'Theories of Crime in American History' in James Campbell and Vivien Miller, eds, *The Routledge History of Crime in America*. New York: Routledge.

Morewitz, Stephen (2024) *Klinische und Psychologische Perspektiven des Foulspiels*. New York: Springer. ('Clinical and Psychological Perspectives

on Foul Play')

Strong, Justin (2023) Book review: *Refusal to Eat: A Century of Prison Hunger Strikes* by Nayan Shah. *International Criminal Justice Review*

Sykes, B and Strong, J (2023) 'Disability Policy in a Global Context' In Brown, Maroto, and Pettinicchio, eds, *The Oxford Handbook on the Sociology of Disability*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Claudio Vera Sanchez (2024) 'As a CSU professor, I have doubts about a threatened strike' *Los Angeles Times*, January 19.

Logos, K; Brewer, R; Langos, C and Westlake, B (2023) 'Establishing a Framework for the Ethical and Legal Use of Web Scrapers by Cybercrime and Cybersecurity Researchers: Learning from a Systematic Review of Australian Research' *International Journal of Law and Information Technology* 31(3): 186-212.

Westlake, B and Guerra, E (2023) 'Using File and Folder Naming and Structuring to Improve Automated Detection of Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Dark Web' *Forensic Science International: Digital Investigation* 47: 1-8.

Brewer, R; Westlake, B; Swearingen, T; Patterson, S; Bright, D; Ross, A; Logos, K and Michalski, D (2023) 'Advancing Child Sexual Abuse Investigations Using Biometrics and Social Network Analysis' *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Investigation* 668: 1-16.

### Faculty Activities

Roni Abusaad received QM Certification from CSU Quality Matters for his JS 171 Human Rights and Justice course.

Ericka Adams served on the international associate editorial board for *Punishment and Society*.

Ericka Adams served on the editorial board for *Race and Justice: An International Journal*.

Ericka Adams was the immediate past chair, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology.

Dallas Augustine reviewed papers submitted to *Criminology*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Punishment and Society*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of General Internal Medicine* and *Sociological Inquiry*.

Mark Barash hosted a group of students from C.Y. Ma Memorial College, Hong Kong, China, on a visit to SJSU's forensic science laboratory, July 2023.



Gabriela Gonzalez

Mark Barash supervised Margherita Andalo, a visiting graduate student from Uppsala University, Sweden, Fall 2023.

Shawna Bolton contributed forensic science to the Sciencepalooza fair for Bay Area high school students at SJSU on April 20, 2024.

Shawna Bolton attended the 'Hidden Homicides: The Challenges of Staged Crime Scenes' workshop sponsored by Alliance for Hope International, High Peak, Colorado, October 2023.

Alessandro De Giorgi was the co-editor of the journal *Punishment & Society*.

Alessandro De Giorgi taught a course, Punishment, Culture and Society in the Legal Studies program at UC-Berkeley, May-June 2024.

Gabriela Gonzalez joined Digital Counter-Storytelling for Student Leaders, a faculty learning community during Spring 2024 at SJSU funded through a gift from Adobe Inc.

Gabriela Gonzalez was invited to participate in the Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute, offered by the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 2024.

Gabriela Gonzalez served on the executive board of the Western Society of Criminology, 2023-24.

John Halushka participated in an author-meets-critics session for his book *Getting the Runaround* at the Law and Society Association annual meeting, Denver, June 2024.

John Halushka was a mentor at the Law and Society Association Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop, Denver 2024.

Grace Howard served on the First Generation Working Group at SJSU, Spring 2024.

Grace Howard served on the editorial board for *Politics and Gender* journal.

Grace Howard reviewed a paper for *Health Equity* journal.

Grace Howard received a Public Voices Fellowship for 2023-24.

Kevin Lynch organized two events for the Bay Area Black Journalists Association, May 2024.

Mary Juno led Forensic Science students on a visit to Scotland June 17-28, 2024, in cooperation with the University of Strathclyde's Forensic Science Centre. The students toured the high court, police museum and crime laboratory in Glasgow.



**SCOTLAND**  
FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

SUMMER 2024

**FORENSIC SCIENCE IN SCOTLAND**

In this course, you will learn from Scottish experts, professors, and scientists about crime scene and forensic science practices, methods, and challenges in the UK; experience Glasgow's high court; visit the police museum and a local crime lab; and participate in numerous social and cultural activities such as visits to the Glasgow Necropolis, Loch Lomond, Edinburgh Castle, a ghost tour on the Royal Mile, and perhaps a pub quiz! Student engagement with local culture, customs, language, and food will be emphasized.

Join us for two weeks at the University of Strathclyde's Forensic Science Centre in the Scottish city of Glasgow for a course on comparative forensic science. This 3-unit course is ideally suited to Forensic Science majors and minors, but is open to anyone and everyone up for adventure who has met the prerequisite (FS 11).

**PROGRAM LEADER**  
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**COURSE**  
FS 160  
Special Topics in Forensic Science  
(5 units)

**DATES**  
Abroad: June 17 - 28, 2024  
Course start: June 10, 2024

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- want to learn about forensic science, crime scene practices, and the legal system in the UK,
- love cobblestone streets, especially if they lead to a castle or a pub, and
- are not afraid of ghosts!

You might want to *hush up on your Scottish* before we go... Until then, *long may yer lum neek!*

Sang Kil was a speaker at the Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions event organized by the Palestine, Arab and Muslim Caucus and HCSD-Faculty for Justice in Palestine, February 2024.

Edith Kinney chaired the recruiting committee for the College of Social Sciences Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Success, 2023-24.

Edith Kinney attended a pipeline program event sponsored by California Law Pathways of Sacramento, September 2023.

Paul Knepper chaired the College of Social Sciences Strategic Planning Committee during 2023-24.

Andrea Martinez was a Summer Research Institute Fellow for the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network at the School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark during 2023.

Allison Martin served as a Collaboratory Program Mentor for SJSU's Center for Faculty Development during 2023.

Allison Martin served on the executive board of the International Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Association's USA chapter.

Susie Rivera moderated a panel on Juvenile Justice as part of the Prelaw Diversity and Inclusion Project, March 20, 2024.

Carlos Singh served as executive director of the East Side Educational Foundation.

Justin Strong organized a roundtable discussion entitled 'Theorizing the Prison' at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Claudio Vera Sanchez moderated a panel discussion on Criminal Law that was part of the Spring Prelaw Diversity and Inclusion Project Speaker Series, February 28, 2024.

Jodie Warren hosted 80 students from the Forensic Biotech Academy at Enochs High School in Modesto on April 5, 2024.

Jodie Warren was appointed by Provost Vincent de Casino to serve on the University Council Accessibility and Compliance 2023-24.



*Jodie Warren with scholarship recipient Briana Farias*

Jodie Warren served as the 2023-24 president of GAIN-Gathering of Academic Indigenous and Native Americans-at SJSU.

Bryce Westlake visited the School of Social Sciences, University of Adelaide, Australia, to participate in the Child Sexual Abuse Reduction Research Network, during November 2023.

Greg Woods developed an online legal education series, including 'And Then There's Fraud' and 'Ethics and the Court of Public Opinion' for the Center for Continuing Education in Monterey.

### **Faculty Research and Grants**

Dallas Augustine received \$48,810 from the National Institute of Health for a project entitled 'Longitudinal Qualitative Study of Fentanyl-Stimulant Polysubstance Use Among People Experiencing Homelessness' (2023).

Mark Barash received \$15,0000 for 'DNA2Face--An Innovative Machine Learning Approach to Solving Cold Cases' from the 2024 Faculty-Student Collaborative Research New Investigator Program, CSU Biotechnology.

Mark Barash received \$1250 from the College of Social Sciences to attend the California Association of Criminalists conference in Los Angeles, April 2024.

John Halushka received a 2024-25 RSCA Seed Grant of \$3700 from the SJSU Research Foundation for a project entitled 'Mass Incarceration and Food Inequality: How do Formerly Incarcerated People and their Families Navigate Barriers to Food Access?'

Sang Kil received a 2024-25 RSCA Seed Grant of \$7500 from the SJSU Research Foundation for her book project 'Reporting from the Whites of Their Eyes: How Neoliberalism Promotes White Supremacy'.

Allison Martin received \$1250 from the College of Social Sciences RSCA fund to participate in the SafeGrowth Summit, Vancouver, Canada, August 2023.

Peggy Stevenson received \$69,955 from Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, for 'Digital Literacy Classes for Adults' (2024-25).

Peggy Stevenson received \$774,445 from Santa Clara County Office of Diversion and Reentry Services for 'Path to Expungement—Service Navigation Assistance from Peer Mentors'(2024-25).

Peggy Stevenson received \$200,000 from Parole Reentry Court, Superior Court, for 'Service Navigation Assistance from Peer Mentors to People in Court Diversion' (2023-24).



*Serey Nouth and Peggy Stevenson*

Peggy Stevenson received a California Community Reinvestment Grant of \$450,000 for 'Record Clearance Legal Services' (2024-25).

Peggy Stevenson received an Adult Reentry Grant of \$750,000 for 'Service Navigation from Peer Mentors' (2022-2026).

Peggy Stevenson received \$30,000 from the ChangeLawyers Legal Empowerment Fund for 'Promoting Prelaw Student Opportunities' (2023-24).

Peggy Stevenson, and Oona Hatton, Communication Studies, received \$274,000 from the California State University Chancellor's Office to make SJSU a Project Rebound site.

Peggy Stevenson submitted a Michelson Spark Grant for \$25,000 (January 2024) for a project entitled 'Financial Literacy for People Recently Released from Custody'.

Bryce Westlake received \$497,948 from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled 'Training digital forensics examiners through hands-on education investigating live criminal investigations' (2023-2026).

### **Faculty Making News**

The CAC News, the newsletter of the California Association of Criminalists, featured a story about Mark Barash entitled 'Education in Forensics: An Interview with Dr Mark Barash' Winter 2023, issue 11, pp. 6-11.

Shawna Bolton, Mary Juno and Rosa Vega were interviewed for an article about the Forensic Science Program in *Washington Square Magazine*, April 2024.

Shawna Bolton appeared in a WGN9 TV Chicago news story, 'Expert: Suburban mother's 1996 death a "hidden homicide"', April 22, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for NBC Bay Area, 'SJSU Expert Talks Abortion Rights Case in the High Court', April 24, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for CBS Bay Area, 'SJSU Associate Professor Discusses Supreme Court Hearing on *Moyle v United States* abortion case' April 24, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KCBS radio, 'SJSU Associate Professor Discusses Supreme Court Divided on case Challenging Idaho's Near Total Abortion Ban' April 24, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KGO-TV, 'SJSU Associate Professor Comments on Gov Gavin Newsom letting Arizona Doctors to Provide Abortions in California' April 24, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KRON4, 'Supreme Court Abortion Pill Case' March 26, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KTVU-TV2, 'Supreme Court Abortion Pill Case' March 26, 2024.



*Grace Howard in the news*

Grace Howard was interviewed for NBC News Bay Area, 'Supreme Court Abortion Pill Case' March 26, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for Spectrum News 1, 'Texas Medical Board Recommendations on Abortion Exceptions' March 22, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed KTVU-TV2, 'Over-the-Counter Birth Control Arrives in Pharmacies' March 4, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KTVU-TV2, story, 'Alabama's IVF Ruling Could Send Patients to the Bay Area' February 22, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KTVU-TV2, 'FDA Approves Over-the-Counter Birth Control' July 16, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed for KTVU-TV2, 'FDA Approves Over-The-Counter Birth Control' July 13, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed by NPR, 'How "fetal personhood" in Alabama's IVF ruling evolved from fringe to mainstream' March 14, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for *Courthouse News*, 'In abortion pill challenge, attorney seeks to represent fetuses before the Supreme Court' January 24, 2024.

Grace Howard was interviewed for a *San Diego Union Tribune* story, 'If we care about kids, punishing pregnant people for miscarriages, loss doesn't work, Lisa Deaderick' December 24, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed for *La Presse*, 'Une Femme Risque La Prison Après Une Fausse Couche', December 22, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed by the Associated Press, 'A Black woman was criminally charged after a miscarriage. It shows the perils of pregnancy post-Roe. Julie Carr-Smyth' December 16, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed by Amnesty International, 'An unstoppable movement: a global call to recognize and protect those who defend the right to abortion,' November 24, 2023.

Grace Howard was interviewed for States Newsroom, 'Slavery rhetoric has long been part of abortion politics. "Abolitionists" take it to the next level. Kelcie Moseley-Morris' August 31, 2023.

Grace Howard contributed to a podcast, *Sidebar*, from Courthouse News, 'Bitter Pill: Pregnancy and Personhood in a Post-Dobbs America' March 26, 2024.

Grace Howard contributed to a podcast, *Feminist Buzzkills Guest*, 'March for Life Madness', January 19, 2024.

Work by several RCP client artists was included in *Art as Catharsis: Introducing the Record Clearance Project's First Exhibit of Client Artwork*, a blog by Julia Halprin Jackson, February 2024.

Susie Rivera was quoted in a U.S. Department of Justice *Dispatch* article, 'Sharing the Solutions: Police-Court Partnerships to Address Homelessness' vol 16, issue 7, July 2023.

Carlos Singh gave a KTVU-TV2 interview for a story 'Former President Trump's Latest Charges and What's Next' August 5, 2023.

Carlos Singh gave a KRON 4 TV interview, 'Carlos Singh, former prosecutor and lecturer at SJSU, joins KRON4's Coverage of Trump's Arraignment' August 3, 2023.

Carlos Singh gave a KPIX-TV interview in a story on 'Former President Donald Trump Indictment on Criminal Charges' June 12, 2023.

Carlos Singh gave a NBC Bay Area interview for a story 'What Happens Next in Case Against Former President Donald Trump' June 13, 2023.

Greg Woods gave an ABC7 News interview for a story concerning federal indictments of Antioch and Pittsburg police officers, August 18, 2023.



Greg Woods gave FOX 2 TV News interview for a story entitled 'San Jose Businesses Receive Free Cameras to Combat Crime' February 14, 2024.

Greg Woods was quoted in an ABC7 news story, 'How Racial Justice Act Violations from Antioch PD Texting Scandal Will Affect Murder Case' February 7, 2024.

*Greg Woods in the news*

Greg Woods was quoted by the *San Jose Mercury News* in a story about 'Few Easy Solutions to Emeryville Mall Chaos', August 30, 2023.

Greg Woods was interviewed for a CGTN TV story, 'California Introduces New Tax on Guns', October 6, 2023.

Greg Woods was quoted in a *San Jose Spotlight* story, 'San Jose Wants to Stop Bad Police Behavior Before it Happens' October 5, 2023.

Greg Woods was interviewed for a story in the *Sacramento Bee* regarding Governor Newsome's proposed 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment, June 9, 2023.

Greg Woods was interviewed for an ABC7 news story about the 'absolutely unprecedented' Antioch PD texting scandal, June 9, 2023.

Greg Woods was interviewed for a *San Jose Spotlight* story regarding San Jose police officers suspended for misconduct may be allowed to serve suspension while on duty, June 13, 2023.

Greg Woods gave a Fox KTVU-TV2 interview for a story, 'San Jose Police sets goal of some 30 women officers by 2030', May 7, 2024.

### **Department Activities**

Celebrating 20 Years of Justice Studies and Forensic Science took place on October 26, 2023, in the Student Union Theatre. The activities included a panel moderated by Alessandro De Giorgi:

- Mona Lynch, 'The Emergence of Justice Studies at SJSU'
- Paul Knepper, 'The Strange Origin of Penology at SJSU'

The anniversary event included a panel moderated by Shawna Bolton:

- Steven Lee, 'Two Decades of Forensic Science at SJSU'
- Colleen Fitzpatrick, 'Forensic Science: Where We're Going, Where We've Been'

The anniversary event also included an alumni panel moderated by Gabriela Gonzalez:

- Melissa Canela, Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley
- Eduardo Bautista Duran, UC-Berkeley
- Sheree Martinek, Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office

The Spring Research Symposium, May 10, 2024, included three presentations:

- Gabriela Gonzalez, 'All Under One Roof: Latino Mixed-Status Families Managing Illegality'
- Dallas Augustine, 'Does Parole 'Work'? Parole Conditions as Barriers to Employment'
- Justin Strong, 'No one Cares: Ethics in the Aftermath of Mass Incarceration'

Claudio Vera Sanchez gave his inaugural lecture on the occasion of his promotion to full professor, 'Reforming, Defunding or Abolition? The Future of American Policing', May 10, 2024.



*Alumni Sheree Martinek, Eduardo Bautista Duran and Melissa Canela with Gabriela Gonzalez*

### **Forensic Science Career Development Series**

Mark Barash initiated the 'Tips from the Experts' career development events for forensic science students.

'So you want to be a real CSI?' April 16, 2024. Olivia Vidal, public safety officer and crime scene investigator; Marie Plonka, public safety officer and K9 handler.

'So you want to become a criminalist or special agent' March 19, 2024. Samantha Houle, criminalist, Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Davis Mendelsohn, Homeland Security Investigations and special agent.

'So you want to become a coroner or medical examiner?' March 26, 2024. Rosa Vega, coroner and death investigator; Peter Conner, forensic pathologist; Alyssa Collazo, chief autopsy technician.

### **Record Clearance Project**

The Record Clearance Project (RCP), founded by Peggy Stevenson, provides students pursuing a career in legal services with an experience advocating for clients eligible for expungement of criminal records under California law. RCP makes SJSU the only university in the USA to offer a clinical legal program to undergraduates.

During 2023-24, the Record Clearance Project

- provided 32 presentations to 925 people concerning expungement rights and RCP services.
- provided four informational sessions to staff working with community organizations regarding RCP services.
- successfully represented 22 clients in court, filing 94 petitions on their behalf, all of which were granted by the court.
- provided brief legal services (speed screen interviews) to 171 clients, and identified 677 convictions that can be dismissed without court appearance.
- tabled at several events: PATH Job Fair (March 2024), Youth Justice Conference at ConXion to Community (February 2024) and San Jose Career Opportunity Fair (April 2024).

Alternative Spring Break. Students from Stanford Law School and UC Berkeley Law School partnered with RCP students to work on nine clients' cases during March 24-30, 2024. The law students heard from former RCP clients and attended a legal rights presentation at Elmwood jail by RCP students Mariam Roshdy and Maile Gillis, and former client Armando Aguilar.



Prelaw Diversity and Inclusion Project (PDIP). RCP delivered the second season of the PDIP speaker series and advice sessions about attending law school. Speakers included law students and attorneys from law firms, nonprofit organizations, government and solo practices.

Service Navigation Path to Expungement Mentoring Program has since July 2023 provided 2690 linkages to services for 144 clients. The mentors are Jennifer Castillo, Victoria Kirschner, Diana Carreras, Stacy Quezada and Conrad Solarez.

*Record Clearance Project at Elmwood Correctional Facility*

## **Themis Journal**

*Themis: Journal of Justice Studies and Forensic Science* is a student-edited academic journal that publishes original articles by SJSU students. Mary Juno founded the journal in 2013.

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'Enough': What Greta Gerwig's Barbie Film Has to Teach Us About Social and Distributive Justice Related to Masculinity and Positive Masculine Qualities  
B.D. White

Turning Points: An Evaluation of Formal and Informal Interventions in the Life of Ex-Offenders  
Kapil Sharma

Examining the Historical Evolution and Contemporary Significance of Human Rights  
Ailing Lu

Privatized Immigration Detention in California and the Opportunity for Reform  
Natalie Lager

Deconstructing Drugs: Addressing the Stigma, Harm Reduction and Policy Solutions  
Charlotte Theriault

Writing Black Women and Native Americans Back Into the Slavery Narrative  
Corinne Kreeger

TASER Use in Law Enforcement: Examining Effectiveness, Medical Consequences, and Legal Scenarios  
Benjamin Smyers

Police Dogs: A Useful Tool or Expensive Legal Nightmare?  
Madeline Hoyt

Current Challenges in Digital Forensics  
Alec Noland

The Use of Microbiome Sequencing to Identify Individuals in Forensic Science  
Sophia Konieczny

Child Pornography: A Growing Threat for Forensic Science in the Digital Age  
Nadia Palomares

The Limitations and Future of Isotope Analysis for Forensic Anthropology  
Kris Weller

Understanding Cadaver Dogs  
Carlyn Sampson



*Themis journal editorial board 2024*

### **Transitions and Updates**

Laura Bailey will join the Department in Fall 2024 teaching FS 11 Survey of Forensic Science. She is the chief medical examiner-coroner investigator at the Santa Clara Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office. She has a B.S. in Forensic Science-Biology from San José State University.

Jonathan Charron will join the Department in Fall 2024 teaching FS 176 Firearm and Toolmark Evidence Analysis. He is a criminalist at Sacramento County Crime Laboratory. He has a B.S. in forensic chemistry from California State University-Sacramento.

Dallas Augustine joined the Department as an assistant professor in Fall 2023. She was a post-doctoral researcher at UC-San Francisco. She received the Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California-Irvine.

Sarah Caliguiri joined the Lesley University Educational Studies Ph.D. program with a focus on Tribal Education.

Sambuddha Ghatak resigned from SJSU in August 2023. He is now assistant professor of criminal justice at San Diego State University Imperial Valley, teaching on the graduate program in Homeland Security, and a member of the SDSU's School of Public Affairs.

Gabriela Gonzalez joined the Department as an assistant professor in Fall 2023. She was assistant professor at California State University-Dominguez Hills. She received the Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California-Irvine.

Mike Hoosier joined the faculty as a lecturer in Fall 2023 teaching JS 142 RCP Advanced Study and Community Involvement. He is a senior attorney fellow at Community Legal Services, East Palo Alto. He received his J.D. from Stanford Law School and B.A. from Washington University in St Louis.

Jenin Kiswani joined the office staff in September 2023 as administrative support coordinator. She completed a B.A. in Global Studies at the University of California-Riverside and an M.S. in Justice Studies from San José State University.

Ryan Kim joined the faculty as a lecturer in Fall 2023 teaching FS 130 Introduction to Digital Evidence Investigations and FS 131 Digital Forensic Analysis. He is a criminal investigator at the Santa Clara County Crime Laboratory. He has a B.S. in criminal justice from California State University-Sacramento and a M.S. in Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity from Boston University.

Andrea Martinez was on leave from SJSU during 2023-24. She is a UC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Institute for the Study of Social Issues at the UC-Berkeley Latino Social Science Postdoctoral Pipeline Project (LSSPPI). She is working on a book project tentatively entitled *Santa Bruta—Home of El Indio Muerto: The Colonial-Carceral City's Attempt to Eliminate the "Mexican Problem"*.

In May 2024, Andrew Perera completed the Doctor of Law and Policy (DLP) from Northeastern University in Boston.

In May 2024, Michael Vallerga completed his Ph.D. in Social Psychology at the University of California-Santa Cruz.

Olivia Vidal joined the Department as a lecturer in Fall 2024 teaching FS 11 Survey of Forensic Science. She is a public safety officer/crime scene investigator at Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. She has a B.A. in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix and an M.S. in Management from California Coast University.

### Alumni Activities

Omar Aruza (2020) is attending the UC San Francisco Law School; this summer, he will be working with the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office.



*Alumnus Omar Aruza*

Eduardo Bautista Duran (2021) completed his Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at UC-Berkeley. He was the selected graduate speaker at the UndocuGrad Ceremony in May 2024.

Robert Betchel (1974) has retired after 34 years as a teacher in San Antonio, Texas.

Ruben Chavez (1992, 2009), as chief of police at Gustine Police Department, attended the Sanjoaninas Celebration in June 2023 for the City of Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, Azores.

Maureen Conway (1981) retired this past year having worked in the federal courts, parole commission and several major law firms.

Marcus Crespo (2024) was accepted to Royal Holloway University in London, UK, for a master's degree in forensic science.

Sebastian Duarte (2024) will attend Santa Clara University School of Law this autumn.

Rocsana Enriquez (2018) has received a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco.

Carissma Felix-Ochoa (2023) has been accepted into the graduate program in Law, Justice and Society at UC-Irvine for Fall 2024.

Molly Florence (2022) will be relocating to Maryland this year to start a new position with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

David Guerra (1984) has retired from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service having worked as a postal inspector for 33 years.

Matison Hall (2020) has started a graduate degree in Education and Teaching with the aim of bringing restorative justice practices to social studies teaching.

Daniele Harris (2016) is a courtroom clerk at the Hall of Justice in San Jose.

Jose Hernandez (2015) is a program manager for HomeFirst Services and Santa Clara Family Health Plan.

Samantha Houle is a criminalist at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.



Michael Huynh (2023) has been hired by the U.S. Department of Justice as a forensic chemist.

Susan Huynh (2022) has been hired by Natera, a clinical genetic testing company in Austin, Texas.

Kanita Ilic (2022), Erika Larios (2022) and Magali Urresti (2019) are on the staff of the Record Clearance Project.

*Alumni Madison Gowan, Susan Huynh and Sarah Pawloski*

Meaghan Janessa (1992) is a brand protection specialist at a law firm; she recently completed an ABA-approved paralegal certificate.

Sukhmanpreet Kaur (2021) is a toxicology criminalist for the Santa Clara County DA's crime laboratory completing an M.S. in forensic science at UC-Davis.

Jill Kessler-Miller (2023) presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2024; she has expertise in legal issues concerning dogs.

James LaBonte (2014) is the lead counter terrorism specialist with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Michael Laster (1965) is retired having worked at the Mountain View Police Department and Los Altos Police Department.

Julianita Maestas (2008), on behalf of Los Alamos National Laboratory-Talent Acquisition, has attended multiple national conferences to encourage women to pursue careers in technology.

Lidia Martinez (2001) completed a master's degree in education counseling and works as a middle school counselor.

Tina Martinez (1999) is probation manager at Contra Costa County Probation Department.

Davis Mendelson is a special agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Ray Orsolino (1977) has retired after 24 years as a police officer with the UC-Berkeley Police Department, and then as a CSU police officer at the Maritime Academy.

Belle Perez (2014) is the Placement Unit Supervisor for the Santa Cruz County Probation Department Juvenile Division.

Alicia Romero (2003) heads the Crime Prevention Unit as a Crime Prevention Specialist II at the Hayward Police Department.

Jaime Ruiz (2020) completed received his J.D. from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific and was admitted to the California State Bar in November 2023.

Marcy Ramos Samadi (2023) has been accepted into a graduate program in anesthesia in Houston. She was the first recipient of the Molly Marquez Justice Studies Memorial Award.

Guadalupe Rivas (2016) has completed a master's degree in school counseling with a PPS and CWA authorization credential.

Noah Schafnitz (2024) has been accepted into the graduate program in forensic science at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

Kristopher Scott (2011), Santa Clara County director of Fresh Lifelines for Youth, represents alumni on SJSU's Campus Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Mariah Soriano (2021) has recently accepted a position as a Child and Family Counselor.

Ruben Souza-Marquez (2019) graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law and will join the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office in Fall 2024.

Brooke Sutton (2024) has been accepted into the graduate program in forensic science at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

Colleen Winser (2022) accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Justice working in the Eligibility Clearance Unit of the Bureau of Firearms.

Dianne Williams-Conklin (1992) is retired; she worked at the City of San Jose Department of Transportation.

Marvin Zietzke (1978) is retired having been a police officer with Sunnyvale, an adult probation officer for Santa Clara County and corporate investigator for Intel Corp.



Michelle Taikeff (2019) is attending the School of Law at Washington University, St Louis. She received a Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship to support her work this summer with the Northern California Innocence Project.

Han Tran (2020) works for a non-profit organization as an assistance manager providing the community with resources through partnerships with county and other agencies.

Jordan Velosa (2020) is attending Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; she will work at the Federal Public Defender's Capital Habeas Unit.

*Alumnus Michelle Taikeff*

Mikayla Yee (2024) has been hired by Lin-Zhi International, a medical supply store in Santa Clara.

Vicky Zavala (2020) has been promoted to Senior Paralegal at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.



*Chi Pi Sigma with Sammy Spartan at Admitted Spartans Day*