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Justice Studies Convocation December 14, 2014

SJSU | DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STUDIES

Dr. James Lee

and the

Faculty & Staff of the Justice Studies Department in the

College of Applied Sciences and Arts

Welcome you

to the

Department of Justice Studies Convocation Ceremony

honoring

Masters of Science Degree Candidates in *Justice Studies*

and

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates in Justice Studies and Forensic Science

Class of 2014

Morris Dailey Auditorium San José State University San José California



Transforming Justice & Empowering Communities Since 1930

Department of Justice Studies

Our Vision

Through community engagement and research, our faculty and graduates contribute to a more just society

Our Mission

The Department of Justice Studies develops critical actors for criminal and social justice in diverse and changing communities

Our Values

Learning: We value education and intellectual curiosity above all. The academic freedom of faculty and students is vital to our role of promoting life-long learning through intellectual inquiry, scholarship and the pursuit of knowledge.

Student, Staff and Faculty Success: We place our highest priority on ensuring the academic success and personal growth of the San José State University community.

Excellence: We hold ourselves to the highest standards and support continual improvement and innovation in all we do.

Integrity: We are accountable for our actions and expect honesty and fairness in all our work and interactions.

Diversity and Social Justice: We value and respect diversity, inclusion, civility, and individual uniqueness and recognize the strength these factors bring to our community and learning environment. All of our interactions should reflect trust, caring, and mutual respect.

Sustainability: We are committed to sustainability in all areas, not just environmental but also social sustainability.

Community and Service: We value collaborative relationships within and beyond the campus in order to best serve our mission.

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Special thanks to the

Justice Studies Student Group Task Force

Today's convocation ceremony is made possible through the efforts of the Justice Studies Student Group Task Force.

The Task Force is made up of representatives from the three Justice Studies Student groups and recent alumni of those groups. These groups are: Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honor Society), Chi Pi Sigma (Criminal Justice Fraternity),

the Forensic Science Student group.

These students and alumni have volunteered many hours to make today's celebration a success. The proceeds from ticket sales go to provide the graduate's gifts, rental of ceremony space, decorations and refreshments.

Funds remaining after expenses have been paid are disbursed to the student groups or go to support student and departmental activities.

We are honored today to welcome Olis Simmons as our convocation speaker.

Olis Simmons is the founder and CEO of Youth UpRising, a nationally recognized community transformation hub, providing comprehensive, integrated services and leadership development programs as an engine for authentic community revitalization.

Now in its tenth year of operation, Youth UpRising has a membership base of 10,000 young people, an operating budget of \$10M annually, and a powerful network of dozens of significant public and private partners. Trusted among divergent stakeholders, from young people at the epicenter of violence to the police, YU's formula for



change -- Personal Transformation + Systems Change + Community Economic

Development = Community Transformation -- has resulted in a number of significant policy victories and an impressive array of supports.

In an era of diminished resources, Simmons has expanded possibilities for community development by pushing for creative ways to use existing resources more effectively. Simmons built the human and financial resources needed to operate life-changing, cutting

YOUTH UPRISING

edge and innovative programming in what is considered one of the nation's most dangerous neighborhoods. Simmons, the YU staff, and Board of Directors share a belief that you can change a place without displacing the people.

In 2014, she and a team of education and community partners launched the Castlemont Community Transformation Schools (CCTS), a family of community schools offering the highest-quality educational services and wrap-around support to children and youth from cradle-to-career. Over the next two years, CCTS will launch a primary and middle school with grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, 1st and 6th in Fall 2015, adding additional grades each year.

Additionally, she was recently selected along with 23 others to become a member of the esteemed Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship program designed to support uniquely talented leaders from across the country doing exceptional work in education.

Did you know?

The students being honored today are graduating from one of the oldest Justice Studies programs in the United States. The Justice Studies Department of San José State University has a long history of preparing students for a professional career in criminal justice.



In 1930, President T. W. MacQuarrie of San Jose State Teacher's College, was introduced to August Vollmer, Chief of Police of Berkeley, California. During the ensuing conversation the idea for, and value of, pre-employment police training was discussed. As a result of this conversation, on October 2, 1930, a two-year "technical training" course for police officers was initiated under the supervision of the Social Science Department. The *Police Administration Program* was the first degree granting program of its kind in the United States.

By 1934 the name of the program had changed to the *Police School*. Over the years, the curriculum was expanded to cover all stages of the criminal justice system. Since 1970, the curriculum has been further developed to include courses that address a full range of justice issues from family and community violence to discrimination and inequality under the law. The name change to *Justice Studies* in 2004 signifies the department's more holistic approach to studying justice and the emphasis on academic research in the law and justice fields.

San José State University's Justice Studies program has consistently been rated among the nation's best. The department has a longstanding reputation of academic excellence, and this tradition continues today as our curriculum changes and expands to meet the demands of an increasingly complex, globalized world.



Our graduates have gone on to become professionals within the criminal justice system, have careers in non-profit justice related agencies, and to continue their education in law schools and a wide range of graduate programs. We are proud of all the alumni who have graduated from our programs over the years and congratulate today's graduates!

Order of Exercises

Dr. Veronica Herrera

Faculty Processional Imperial March John Williams

Pomp and Circumstance **Graduates Processional** Sir Edward Elger

Dr. James Lee Welcome Department Chair

Associate Dean's Address Dr. Greg Payne Associate Dean of the College

2014 Justice Studies Dr. James Lee

Department Awards

Student Address Amada Montelongo

Convocation Address Olis Simmons CEO, Youth Uprising

Dr. James Lee Presentation of Forensic Science & Justice Studies Dr. Steven Lee **Bachelorof Science** Ms. Mary Juno Degree Candidates

Tower Foundation

Sonia Wright Driector of Development College of Applied Sciences & Arts

Presentation of the Class of 2014 Dr. James Lee

The Best Day of my Life Recessional American Authors

Graduating Class of 2014

Candidates for Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies

Whitney Nicole Alter Juan David Avila Kayla Lindsey Barker Leticia Bautista

Melissa CenicerosAmacDesiree Leanne ChavezDiemKaren Jeanette Davalos Ω John

Angelica Del Rio Velazquez *

Mike Euchner *

Cyprianna Fiaui Faiaipa'u Jon Ivan Fernandez Jr. Jessica Figueroa *

Samuel Luna Fonseca Nyssa Fullmer Ω Ivan Garcia *

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Daniel Mayorquin
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Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies Human Rights Minor

Adrian Barajas *

Thien Quan Nguyen

Christina Nieves *

Jose Alfredo Pedraza

Maricela Plasencia Ω

Dylan Sanders

Alejandro Ureno *

Lizeth Ureno

Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies Forensic Studies Minor

Eliana A. Amaya

Alexis Nicole Ferguson *

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Emphasis in Criminology Justice Studies Minor

Robert C. Carrera

Graduating Class of 2014

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Emphasis in Biology

Laura Elizabeth Bailey

Stefanie Anne Cuevo

Eder Abraham Lugo Fuentes

Corey Johnson

Susie Kea

Cria-May Garcia Matanguihan

Nhu Thuan Sylvie Pham

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Emphasis in Chemistry

Nathan Clarke Charlton

Nikki Ann Marie Roda *

Heather Vreeland

Honors Note: At San José State University, a student's SJSU and overall GPA's must meet the minimum GPA requirements. To qualify for the following Latin honors, BOTH the final SJSU and overall GPA's must be:

- 3.85 and above Summa Cum Laude
- 3.70 and above Magna Cum Laude
- 3.50 and above Cum Laude



Congratulations to our Fall 2014 Graduates!



Eder Abraham Lugo Fuentes



Nhu Thuan Sylvie Pham



Nikki Ann Marie Roda Treasurer 2013-2014



Students in the San José State University Record Clearance Project (RCP) assist eligible people to clear their criminal records.

Long after RCP clients have served their sentences, their records hold them back from employment, housing, student loans and similar opportunities. Students make a difference in clients' lives by preparing petitions for court to request expungement. Students explain expungement law to the community, making the benefit of the laws more broadly available. RCP helps people to better provide for themselves and their families, and to look forward to a brighter future.

Congratulations to the following RCP students graduating today:

Vicente Ballesteros Brandy Petri Nick Khanssari José Rosales Ethan Low **Dylan Sanders** Samuel Luna Fonseca Alejandro Sedano Amada Montelongo David Shuper Patrick von Raesfeld Daniel Mayorauin Christina Nieves Mayra Zavala

The SJSU Record Clearance Project salutes all Justice Studies graduates for their hard work and dedication to promoting justice!



















RCP: Changing lives, one petition at a time



Iota Chapter

would like to congratulate the Fall 2014 graduating seniors!

Alpha Phi Sigma is the only national honor society for criminal justice majors.

Our mission is to promote academic excellence, leadership, community service and unity.



Graduating Chapter Members from Left to Right: Angelica Del Rio Velazquez, Dulce Cardenas Tello, Celeste Padilla, Karen Davalos, Amada Montelongo, Jose Pedraza, Adrian Barajas, and Ivan Garcia Not pictured: Cyprianna Faiaipa'u, John O'Brien, Brandy Stover

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM: FALL 2014 GRADUATION





Fall 2014 **Human Rights Action Projects** (HRAPs)

Carry the Vision, Restore Project

Students worked with Carry the Vision to survey and train our public first responders (Fire, EMT, Social Workers, PD. educators, and so forth) in self-care, meditation, and the prevention of burn out. Research suggests significant benefits for client populations and the retention of experienced professionals.

Addressing Sexual Assault

This student-driven campaign continued for its second semester Students organized with the national "It's On Us" campaign and developed proposals to improve and make more visible University policies and resources to combat sexual assault.

Solar For All Campaign

This student driven campaign spearheaded new efforts for an Oil Extraction Tax and sustainable energy policy in CA with partners from

Minor in Human Rights: Introduction and Select Updates

Human Rights Minors explore the history and structure of human rights and international law, study historical human rights struggles, meet and work with SF Bay Area human rights organizations, and gain experience in a graduate style symposium course. Human Rights Minors are interested in careers or graduate study related to international law, international relations, international diplomacy, policy studies, human rights advocacy and reporting, forensic reporting on war crimes/genocide/crimes against humanity, community organizing, public policy, and social movement networks.

In our capstone course, students work in teams of 3-6 on a Human Rights Action Project [HRAPs] with a partnered human rights organization to solve the social problems that confront our communities such as police brutality, institutional racism, sexual assault, wealth inequality, failed prison conditions, and human trafficking. These collaborations expand students' professional networks and employment chances within agencies and organizations on the forefront of human rights work in

Currently, our Human Rights Minors are spearheading and supporting ongoing HRAPs with organizations such as the San Jose Peace and Justice Center, Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), CommUniverCity/Garden2Table, the ACLU of Northern CA, Carry the Vision, and

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national campaigns to address sexual assault on college campuses and green energy solutions.

The Human Rights Program and Local Policy Analysis and Advocacy

Beginning in Fall 2014, the Human Rights Program officially partnered with the Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations and the Human Relations Commission to create a strong human rights frameworks through which policy and practice in the County should be understood and implemented. So far, two reports have been completed and submitted to the SCC Board of Supervisors: one assessing the economic and social rights dimensions of the housing crisis and unsustainable cost of living in the South Bay, and another on issues of racial disparity and abuse in the CA juvenile justice system. Many more published reports will follow in spring 2015. Finally, we hope to form a similar partnership with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission by 2015.

Human Rights Lecture, Spring 2015 The Human Rights Program is collaborating with local advocates and community organizations for our upcoming annual lecture. In Spring 2015, our event, "Racism, Human Rights, and the Modern Police State" will feature a keynote speaker (TBA) and representatives from the various fronts of the "new civil rights movement" in the U.S. Contact us (below) if you're interested in co-sponsoring this exciting event.

HUMAN RIGHTS

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http://www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/degrees /minors/human-rights-minor/index.html

Chi Pi Sigma

Co-educational, Criminal Justice Fraternity

Since 1935, Chi Pi Sigma has provided hundreds of SJSU students aspiring to be criminal justice professionals with the educational, professional, and social growth needed to succeed in the field. We have alumni who have worked and are currently working in local, state, federal, and private law enforcement agencies all across the nation.

CONGRATS TO OUR FALL 2014 GRADUATES!







FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ROBERT CARRERA COURTNEY EIRICH CRIA-MAY GARCIA MATANGUIHAN

From our family to yours, we congratulate all of the graduates being honored today, and we wish them happiness and success in pursuing their respective careers in the field of criminal justice.

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"Strength Through Moral Support"

Justice Studies Task Force

Congratulations to the Justice Studies 2014 Graduates and best of luck in all of your future endeavors!

Founded in fall 2009, the Justice Studies Student Group Task Force was created to promote camaraderie and collaboration between the student groups in the Justice Studies Department. The Task Force is made up of members of each of the JS student groups, as well as representatives from JS alumni.



Front row: Kevin Tang (FSS), Jesse Ramirez (JS alumnus) Robert Carrera (CPS), Dr. James Lee (Justice Studies Dept. Chair) Back row: Eric Kwong (FSS) Ian Hagemann (Faculty Advisor), Mirela Tabakovic (FSS). Sarah Rae Kerr (JS Alumnus), Dr. Veronica Herrera (APS Faculty Advisor), Brian Werner (APS, graduate student) Sheree Martinek (JS Alumnus) Not Pictured: Vanessa Shatto (CPS), Jasmeet Deol (JS alumnus) Hannah Marcus (JS alumnus)

The Task Force is responsible for the annual *Confidence Challenge* in addition to Spring and Fall Convocation for the Justice Studies Department. The *Confidence Challenge* is a physical agility event in which teams made up of JS student and faculty compete against one another in a friendly but challenging version of the physical agility test for law enforcement. In 2013, the Task Force was asked to take over the Justice Studies Department convocation ceremony.



"As Real As It Gets!"



MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION



We congratulate the Class of 2014 JUSTICE STUDIES SPARTANS!

MVPOA is a diverse group of individuals dedicated to serving our community. From the police officer on patrol to the records specialist working at our front desk, we are all here to provide nothing less than exceptional service.

Mountain View Police is a progressive, community-oriented department and many of our officers are Justice Studies alumni!

WE INVITE YOU TO CHECK US OUT AT WWW.MVPOA.NET









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As we look back on all we have accomplished this year, we wish to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations who have generously supported the Justice Studies Department. Thank you to our donors:

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