

CJ 7210 Proseminar
Monday 6:30-8:20
HINES 104
Fall, 2013

Instructor: Dr. Mark Stafford
Office: Hill House 107
Office hours: M 4:00-5:00
Phone: 245-5410
Email: stafford@txstate.edu

Course Description: This course introduces students to the discipline of criminal justice, the University, the School, and the ongoing research activities of the faculty. Emphasis is placed on identifying and coordinating opportunities for joint research and scholarship among faculty and students. Prerequisite: criminal justice doctoral students only.

Course Objectives: Students who complete this course will have the necessary, preliminary knowledge to:

1. Publish research in appropriate journals;
2. Present papers at professional meetings;
3. Be a successful teacher;
4. Get external funding for research and fellowships;
5. Obtain employment after the doctoral degree.

Course Requirements: Class participation (75% of grade). I expect everyone to be in class every Monday night, complete the assigned readings, and participate enthusiastically in class discussions.

Assignments (25% of grade). At various times during the semester, students will be asked to complete short assignments.

A To-Do: If you are not already, become a member of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), which are the main professional organizations in the discipline. Your memberships include a subscription to *Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, and *Justice Quarterly*, which are top journals. ASC has its national meetings every fall, and ACJS has its meetings every spring. You should make every effort to regularly present papers at these annual meetings.

Policies: I will discuss appropriate accommodations that you may require as a student with a disability. Before accommodations will be made, you may be required to provide proper documentation.

Schedule and Required Readings (Available on TRACS)

- August 26 ***Introduction and doctoral program's expectations/policies***
(1) Clint Wrede and Richard Featherstone's "Striking Out on Its Own: The Divergence of Criminology and Criminal Justice from Sociology," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2012.
(2) David Fabianic's "PhD Program Prestige and Faculty Location in Criminal Justice and Sociology Programs," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
- September 2 ***Labor Day***
- September 9 ***Doctoral education in criminal justice***
(1) J. Price Foster et al.'s "Observations and Reflections on the Evolution of Crime-Related Higher Education," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2007.
(2) Natasha Frost and Todd Clear's "Doctoral Education in Criminology and Criminal Justice," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2007.
- September 16 ***Professional socialization***
(1) Ellen Cohn's "Changes in Scholarly Influence in Major American Criminology and Criminal Justice Journals Between 1986 and 2005," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
(2) Shaun Gabbidon and Favian Martin's "An Era-Based Exploration of the Most Significant Books in Criminology/Criminal Justice," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2010.
- September 23-
September 30 ***Writing and publishing***
(1) Robert Worley's "What Makes Them Tick: Lessons on High Productivity from Leading Twenty-First Century Academic Stars," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
(2) David Khey et al.'s "Re-Ranking the Top Female Academic 'Stars' in Criminology and Criminal Justice Using an Alternative Method," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
(3) Richard Tewksbury and Elizabeth Ehrhardt Mustaine's "Cracking Open the Black Box of the Manuscript Review Process," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2012.
(4) Erin Orrick and Henriikka Weir's "The Most Prolific Sole and Lead Authors in Elite Criminology and Criminal Justice Journals, 2000-2009," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
- October 7-
October 21 ***Doctoral faculty's presentations of their scholarly interests and research/scholarship***

October 28

Presentations at professional meetings

- (1) David Mueller et al.'s "So How Was Your Conference?" *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2004.
- (2) Rosemary Barberet "The Internationalization of Criminology?" *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2007.

November 4

Teaching and service

- (1) Caroline Ferree and Heather Pfeifer's "The 'Write' Stuff: Simple Techniques Designed to Teach Students How to Avoid Plagiarism," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.
- (2) James Anderson et al.'s "The Challenges of Teaching Criminological Theory," *Criminal Justice Studies*, 2009.

November 11

Grants and fellowships

November 18

Comprehensive exams and dissertations

- (1) Joseph Schafer and Matthew Giblin's "Doctoral Comprehensive Exams," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2008.
- (2) See Dissertations and Theses in Research Databases in Texas State University library (electronic)

November 25

Postdoctoral employment

- (1) Brandon Applegate et al.'s "Academia's Most Wanted," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2009.
- (2) Shaun Gabbidon et al.'s "Moving Through the Faculty Ranks," *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2011.

November 27-
November 29

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2

Ethics

- (1) Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Code of Ethics
- (2) American Psychological Association's Code of Ethics