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We are proud to present to you the fifth volume of the Master of Arts Degree Program in International Crime and Justice Newsletter.

In this edition, you will learn about student experiences both inside and outside the classroom, events hosted by the IC&J M.A. program during Spring and Fall 2018 and faculty research projects and accomplishments.

The IC&J community is eager to learn about your experiences as students and faculty, and we highly encourage your invaluable contribution to the Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading this issue!

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Anjelica D'Emilio
WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Gohar Petrossian

Dear IC&J MA Community,

The Fall 2018 issue of our Newsletter is ready! It is full of wonderful news on student and faculty accomplishments, and important program updates. I hope you will take the time to read through the Newsletter to learn about the program and what we have been busy with this fall.

Firstly, I would like to thank IC&J MA faculty for your continued dedication to the program. We couldn’t have been more proud to have such an extraordinary body of faculty who continue contributing to our program through teaching and research.

Secondly, I would like to thank program peer advisors, Vanessa Gutierrez and Anjelica D’Emilio, for their hard work and dedication. You are playing an integral role in helping run the program. I am sure IC&J MA students are also thankful for your guidance as they navigate through our program.

In Fall, 2018, we launched our IC&J MA Online program! Our first IC&J MA Online cohort includes a total of 19 enrolled students. Welcome to our IC&J MA virtual community! In Spring, 2018, we graduated 17 IC&J MA students. Congratulations! In Fall, 2018, we enrolled approximately 45 new students in our on-campus program. Welcome on board!

I would like to begin my student update by first congratulating Melina Ponte and Hector Tejeda for being awarded the Graduate Student Scholarships in Spring, 2018, and Fall, 2018, respectively. I am so very proud of you! Our IC&J MA students continue making us proud with their contributions and service that span the globe. Our IC&J MA student Kaity Quinonez spent the months of June and July working in Thailand as an English teacher for high school students living in Tha Maka, Thailand was also a learning experience for Kaity: she practiced her Muay Thai skills and learned to speak Thai.

Two IC&J MA students, Anjelica D’Emilio and Elina Dzhunusalieva, spent their summer at the United Nations! Anjelica was busy interning with the UN’s Investigation Division within the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), where she gained extensive knowledge about the cases OIOS investigates on regular basis, such as fraud, corruption, workplace misconduct, and sexual abuse. Elina interned at the UN Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section, where she was involved in the high-priority archiving project that deposited treaty documents into the UN’s system for later easy retrieval. Two other IC&J MA students, Connor Rutherford and Dacia Arokium, travelled to Vienna in June with Dr. Yuliya Zabjelina, to take part in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Transnational Crime and Justice Study Abroad Program! Their story of what this program meant for them is truly inspiring! Read along! Bhavneet Anand details her “one of a kind” experience interning at Assemblyman Brian Barwell’s office in New York. Abraham Rabiu, who joined our IC&J MA community in Fall, 2018, writes about how much he learned in just one semester in our program! Diana Rodriguez-Saparia, a recent IC&J MA graduate, received the Excellence in Teaching by a Doctoral Student award! Sebastien Galleguillos Agurto, a newly-enrolled IC&J MA student, was busy publishing two articles in peer-reviewed journals. Geoffrey Moran, IC&J MA graduate class of 2012, now supervises the Ohio State Highway Patrol Intelligence Unit. We can continue to proudly speak of the impact our students are making!

IC&J MA faculty were also busy publishing books and peer-reviewed articles, participating in various national and international conferences, and collecting awards! What a great way to inspire our students!

The IC&J MA and ACTOCS programs hosted various events. On October 15, 2018, we held the “Wildlife Crime: Theory and Research” event with Dr. William Moreto of University of Central Florida; Dr. Stephen Pires of Florida International University; and Professor Mary Ting of John Jay College as guest speakers. There were over 75 people in attendance! On November 13, 2018, the program, in collaboration with the Center for Career and Professional Development, ran a workshop on resume building and other strategies. Elizabeth Kiersten, one of our IC&J MA student reps, moderated the workshop. On November 14, 2018, our program hosted United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services Principal Deputy Director Michael Dudley; Chief Vladimir Duro, and Investigations Team Leader Andreea Boer, for a workshop on “Peacekeeping Investigations, Sanction Monitoring, and War Crime Investigations”. Over 30 students attended the workshop that also included a mock investigation of a sexual abuse response scenario, and the students had the opportunity to have first-hand experience on how these investigations are carried out in the real work.

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On November 28th, 2018, we will hold our traditional Muster Event at 6pm in Moot Court, where we will hear Rutgers University Newark·School of Criminal Justice Distinguished Professor, Dr. Ko-lin Chin, speak about his research, enjoy each others' company, and network with currently enrolled students, alumni, and faculty.

Note that Spring, 2019, registration already began! You will find the draft schedule for both IC&J MA on-campus and IC&J MA online programs in this newsletter. Reach out to Anjelica and Vanessa, and, of course, myself, if you have any questions as you register for these courses. Please, note that, starting this year, we will be offering many Summer courses, which would include both elective and core courses, and will be offered both on-campus and online. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of these summer courses. Additionally, starting Spring 2019, you will be able to take advantage of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Global Diplomacy Initiative, and earn college credit for that. Read more about this in the announcements section of the newsletter.

I wish you all best of luck as you finish up your fall semester!

Sincerely,

Gohar A. Petrossian
Director
International Crime & Justice M.A. Program (on-campus and online)

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WELCOME FROM YOUR PEER ADVISORS!

Anjelica D'Emilio

Dear IC&J M.A. Faculty, Students and Alumni,

Thank you for your time and effort in contributing to the Fall 2018 issue of the IC&J M.A. Newsletter. We encourage you to share your valuable academic, personal and extra-curricular experiences with the IC&J M.A. community for following newsletter issues.

Now that the Master of Arts program in International Crime and Justice is fully available online, we recognize that online students might have some particular questions and concerns. Rest assured that if you have any inquiries about registration, course availability, advance certificates or other IC&J M.A. program related questions, we are here to assist you!

Also please be reminded that many resources, internship/career opportunities and events are made available and updated on a regular basis on our IC&J M.A. Blackboard page. We are also very active via social media platforms (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn).

Our twice yearly IC&J M.A. Muster event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 6 p.m. in the Moot Court (6th floor), at John Jay College. I hope to see many of you on this special evening to welcome our guest Dr. Ko-lin Chin, Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University Newark·School of Criminal Justice.

Our semester is nearing its close.

May the rest of it be fruitful and successful for all.

Vanessa Gutierrez

Dear ICJ Students and Faculty,

Welcome to the Fall 2018 semester! I am so glad to continue as one of the Graduate Peer Advisors for this program. I look forward to continue working with Anjelica and under the leadership of Dr. Gohar Petrossian.

Students, moving forward, it would be extremely helpful for Anjelica and myself for you to include yourEMPLID ID # in all email communication – we work faster this way! I know there are many changes happening in our program, I encourage you all to email us with your questions/concerns. Thank you to former and continuing students who share their internship/employment opportunities so that we may share it with everyone else!

Many thanks the faculty who also share internship and study abroad opportunities with us! I hope you are all taking advantage of the Graduate Social Hours (free food/dinks), ICJ events and all of the rest that John Jay College has to offer! I look forward to meeting some new students and seeing many of you at the Muster event on November 28, 2018.

Stay tuned for events this Spring 2019!
Teaching English in Thailand
By Kairy Quinonez

In June and July, I worked teaching English to high school students in the small district of Tha Maka in Thailand. The schools in the countryside of Thailand do not always have the funds to provide their students with the tools needed to improve their English and hire native-English speaking teachers. While living with natives as the only American in the entire district, I learned to adapt to a foreign environment and learn about the Thai culture. I relaxed and meditated, ate local foods such as Pad Thai and Tum Yum Kung (shrimp soup), practiced the national combat sport of Muay Thai, and learn greetings and phrases that helped me travel around and give the locals a good laugh when I spoke Thai wrong. This experience opened my eyes to the endless possibilities upon traveling abroad where one can make a positive impact in the lives of the less fortunate.

In our MA program, we are taught about international prostitution, sex tourism, and sex trafficking that I witnessed throughout popular tourist locations. Areas such as Bangkok, Phuket, Krabi, and Pattaya, have walking streets, known as a red-light district. In these streets, people walk around with flyers in their hands promoting “live sex shows” or “ping-pong shows” where naked women shoot ping pongs from their genitals across the room. It consists of massage parlors where about 7-15 women stand outside with the same outfits on and entice men to come in and get a massage. It is common to see young women walking around, holding hands, kissing, or partying with extremely older men. In my conversations with taxi drivers, hotel owners, tourists, and locals, they have said that the women in the live shows are forced and treated poorly, that men come from all over the world to have sexual relations with the women, and that severe poverty give women no other option that to sell sex. Unfortunately, prostitution is illegal in Thailand but can be seen in plain view and is widely ignored by the Thai people and the police.

Photo description: This is Soy Cowboy, one of the red-light districts in Bangkok, Thailand. Kairy Quinonez started recording and taking pictures until a sex worker screamed at her and said “no pictures”.

Student Success

Congratulations Melina Ponte and Hector Tejeda!

Melina Ponte was awarded the Graduate Student Scholarship for the fall 2018.

"Many thanks to Peter Romaniuk, Suzanne Oboler, and Nora Cronin, who wrote the letters of recommendation on my behalf for the Graduate Scholarship. I would also like to thank Vanessa Gutiérrez who encouraged me to apply for this opportunity. I’m extremely grateful for professors Klaus von Lampe, Jose Luis Morin, Yuliya Zabyelina and Katarzyna Celinska, who did not hesitate to help me at the last minute. I thank John Jay College for having chosen me as the recipient of this scholarship and helping me pay for my degree! Similar to others in the program, I have worked extremely hard to be here. It is not easy to be a mother, work full-time, and attend school full-time. I would like to end by encouraging other students to take the time to apply to the numerous scholarships that John Jay offers, so that they too can pay their educational expenses." – Melina Ponte

Hector Tejeda was awarded a Graduate Scholarship for the fall 2018.
**United Nations Office of Legal Affairs**  
*Treaty Section, New York*  
By Elina Dzhunusalieva

This summer I interned at the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section. The Treaty Section is responsible for discharging the Secretary General’s depositary functions in respect of over 600 multilateral treaties and providing legal advice and information on treaty law and related matters. Pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Section also analyses, registers, files, records, and publishes treaties and international agreements.

During my internship I assisted the Treaty Section with a high priority archiving project which involved thousands of treaty depositary documents (originals of the international legal instruments) pertaining to the depositary functions of the UN Secretary–Generals. This project required the ability to critically review the content of these legal documents to determine their nature and correlation, proper sequence in the placeholder and the right type of instrument. During the internship I was able to familiarize with the basic treaty law terms that were essential to perform the above tasks accurately and at the high standards of quality. At the same time I carried out the tasks related to the entry into force data validation/creation in respect of multilateral treaties for ultimate posting on the Section’s website at https://treaties.un.org. This project is of legally significant importance since the data entry into force marks the assumption by a state of its obligations under the treaty. Such project was launched for the first time ever and therefore much scrutiny and care were expected in the completion of the assignments.

I am very glad that I applied for this specific department. Throughout the internship I learned a lot about international treaties and the work of the United Nations. Internship at the UN is the best experience ever. I was so lucky to be a part of it.

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**United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, Investigations Division, New York**  
By Anjelica D’Emilio

Working this summer at the United Nations’ Investigation Division within the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) truly enriched my knowledge and appreciations of an international organization, building on what I have learned through the Masters program in International Crime and Justice. As a body that is committed to fostering greater accountability and transparency within the United Nations, OIOS’ Investigations Division investigates cases of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, fraud, corruption as well as workplace misconducts like sexual harassment. By collaborating with investigators on real–time sensitive investigations both occurring within the UN headquarters and internationally, I gained invaluable insights into how investigations operate within an international entity like the United Nations.

Throughout this internship, I also took the opportunity to immerse myself in the community by meeting new people and attending U.N. events. At one such event, I had the great privilege to meet Benjamin Berell Ferencz, a famed investigator of Nazi war crimes and former Chief Prosecutor during the Einsatzgruppen Trial in Nuremberg, Germany.

Sparking my interest in the OIOS’s Investigations Division was my participation in their 2017 U.N. Training on Forensic Interviewing of Minors, an experience that enabled me to visualize how investigators probe case– sensitive questions when interacting with possible sexual assault and rape victims, especially when they are minors.

For those seeking a career in topics pertaining to investigations, gender–based violence, fraud, corruption or conflict zones based issues, this is an internship worth highly considering.
Vienna Study Abroad Program
to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

With Prof. Zabyelina

By Connor Rutherford

The UNODC in Vienna: Transnational Crime and Justice Study Abroad program takes three weeks and makes it feel like an entire semester and I mean in that literally the best way possible. All in all, 18 of us, 17 students along with Prof. Yuliya Zabyelina, embarked on one of, if not, the most encompassing and beneficial study abroad programs imaginable. More or less every day we were put in the rare position to sit before experts atop their fields at the Vienna International Center who work tirelessly at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). And on the days the UNODC was not our focus, we were exploring both the other crime related entities and cultural marvels of Vienna (Austria) and the surrounding countries.

As students, we were afforded the opportunity to receive lectures and presentations at the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Joint Operation Office (JOO), European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (EU FRA), Masaryk University and STRATPOL, which took us from Vienna to Budapest (Hungary) to Brno (Czech Republic), and finally to Bratislava (Slovakia). And in between these extremely informative sessions, where we received a real insightful look into the interworking, both positive and negative, of these organizations, we were lucky enough to take in some of the most astonishing museums, palaces, churches and everything in between that the region of Central and Eastern Europe has to offer.

Dacia Arokium and I represented the two IC&J graduate students in the program, but what year or even what discipline each student was or came from quickly became an afterthought. In total, the program included four different courses, POL325, IC3706, IC3794, and I participated in an independent study. The group of us stemmed from a variety of different academic backgrounds that lead us to this point and all of our goals after are equally different. Despite these differences, the nature of this program provided an atmosphere which yielded invaluable experience and exposure that will aid of us all in our future endeavors in some form or another.

All of us took in the same material and were able to benefit mightily from it while applying it to our own coursework and interests. Textbooks, journals, articles and the like are all tremendous resources with benefits that cannot be understated, but being able to listen to someone speak to their own firsthand experience provides a perspective and lasting impact that unfortunately just cannot be obtained from taking in words from a page. This is the type learning environment, which not only provides useful information about our fields, but also about the human element, the difficulty which comes dedicating your life to such a demanding profession.

I truly lack the adequate words to describe both the impact this program has had, and I think I can speak for my fellow classmates here, on all of us in addition to the gratitude I feel for having had the opportunity to participate.

By Dacia Arokium

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Zabyelina for her hard work in opening the door for this opportunity. It took an incredible amount of networking and planning on behalf of both the professor and the office of International studies to make this program a success and thus it has been. As I approach my second semester in the IC&J MA program I begin to reflect upon my summer spent in Vienna and how much I fell in love with the city and its quality of life. Special thank you to the Doha Declaration, Education4Justice Initiative, for welcoming us as university students at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and to all the expert lecturers who met with us.

A typical day within the UNODC began at 9 am, where we would first go through security scanners and clearance upon arrival at the VIC. During our visit to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), we had an opportunity to sit in during the first half hour of the 7th annual security talks among the 57 member states. Observing OSCE member states’ diplomats and seeing them in action felt surreal. I will never forget this experience.
FELLOWSHIP WITH ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN BARWELL

By Bhavneet Anand

This fellowship surpassed my expectations in so many ways. Coming into a political fellowship, I thought I would be answering phone calls, greeting constituents as they walked in, and perhaps doing some policy research. I never imagined that as a Public Policy Fellow, I would be working directly on legislation and making an impact on the lives of New Yorkers.

From the beginning, I attended external meetings, events on behalf of the office, and drafting a bill to incorporate American Sign Language in the NYS Public School Curriculum, which became the NYA Bill No. A10409. Brian believed in me and all other interns and fellow – which is why we were all tasked with great responsibilities. Working for Assembly member Brian Barnwell is one of a kind, with opportunities not available at any other political office.

A NEW STUDENT’S EXPERIENCE

By Abraham S. Rabi

Although this is my first semester at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, I am appalled at how much I have been exposed to in terms of International crimes and cultural struggles.

The Human trafficking epidemic plaguing most developing countries including my birth country Nigeria was exposed in one of the topics discussed. I learned that some of the major factors behind human trafficking for sex trade and exploitation lie within the system/communities.

The role of trusted relatives, middle men and bosses also called Madam/Oga in the Nigerian pidgin English, who utilize VOODOO (also known as jaju in west Africa) to engage innocent girls in covenantal rituals to tie their loyalty was a huge cultural revelation.

Growing up in Nigeria and hearing about how innocent females particularly from the Bini tribe are engaged in human trafficking to Europe appeared to be a minute concern. However, taking the ICI 704 class has broadened my knowledge of human trafficking and brought to bear, the various key players involved in the process as well as limitations facing the anti-trafficking policies in our present world.

More so, ICI 704 gave me an opportunity to research into terrorism, a major problem facing Nigeria as we speak. I was able to focus my final paper on the activities of the militia group known as “BOKO HARAM”.

Findings revealed members of the Boko haram terrorist group claim they oppose westernization and every form of “Imperialism” for the fear that their own local culture, religion and way of life might be alienated some day.

On my paper, titled; Boko Haram Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism policies in Nigeria, I looked at the birth, operations and funding (funded by ISIS and money generated from human trafficking) of the Boko Haram group. Also, I assessed the various international policies implemented by the Nigerian government so far to combat their dastardly terrorism act, exposing the shortcomings of such policies.

Finally, my work exposed the reasons why policies like; Amnesty has failed due to corruption. Possible Panacea such as the involvement of the United Nations, the African Union, ECOWAS and NGO’S was also recommended to combat terrorism in North Eastern Nigeria. Corruption in the polity, ill equipped and poorly informed military, insecurity in the communities where also identified as factors working against the anti-terrorism policies, thereby making Boko Haram thrive in the North Eastern region of Nigeria. Cities like Maiduguri, Borno, Plateau where Boko Haram have so far carried out several attacks will never remain the same, owing to the number of innocent lives cut short and amount of destruction linked to the militias.
STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations Sebastián Galleguillos Agurto

Sebastián Galleguillos Agurto joined the IC&J M.A. Program this fall! With a B.A in Legal and Social Sciences from Universidad de Chile, 2017, he is the co-author and author of two peer-reviewed articles:

Title: "The duty to manage the risk of corruption in a company provided for by Chilean Law 20.393. Special reference to the identification and risk assessment requirements" (Co-written with Dr. Osvaldo Artaza). Spanish title: "El deber de gestión del riesgo de corrupción en la empresa emanado de la Ley 20.393 chilena. Especial referencia a las exigencias de identificación y evaluación de riesgo"

Abstract: This article analyzes the criteria to determine when a company has failed to meet it is duty to manage the risks of bribery that arise over the course of it is economic activity. Special emphasis has been placed on the establishment of requirements for identifying such risks with the purpose of being able to adopt measures to counteract them later. The article analyzes comparative experience, both in relation to the technical guidelines that come from compliance studies, as well as the studies of criminology of corporate crime. Those experiences are explored to identify a series of structural and cultural variables that would predict the commission of crimes and, therefore, require their identification by the company.

Journal: Revista Derecho PUCP N°81 (Forthcoming November 2018). This is Peruvian peer-review Journal. Website journal: http://revistas.pucp.edu.pe/index.php/derechopucp
I attached the certification made by the Editor of the Journal

Title: "Deficits in the measurement of fear of crime in Chile"
Spanish title: "Déficits en la medición del miedo al delito en Chile"

Abstract: The purpose of this article is to identify a series of conceptual and methodological failures of the instruments used to measure the fear of crime in Chile. The article includes an introduction about the principal dimensions of fear of crime. The research aims to analyze the difficulties that foreign literature had identified in the traditional ways of measuring the phenomenon. The article concludes by suggesting possible future research areas in the Chilean context.

Journal: Revista de Derecho Universidad Católica del Norte. (Approved for publishing on 2019). This is a Chilean peer-review Journal. Website journal: http://revistaderecho.ucn.cl/

Congratulations Diana Rodriguez-Spahia

Photo: Diana Rodriguez-Spahia (on the left) holding her award for Excellence in Teaching at the Fall 2018 Convocation: Award for Teaching and Mentoring, The Graduate Center (CUNY).

At the Convocation: Awards for Teaching and Mentoring, The Graduate Center welcomed incoming doctoral and master’s students and celebrated exceptional teaching and mentoring by faculty and doctoral students.

Congratulations to Diana Rodriguez-Spahia, a recent graduate student in the IC&J M.A. Program for receiving the new award for Excellence in Teaching by a Doctoral Student. This award recognizes students who have made an outstanding contribution to that effort.

https://www.gc.cuny.edu/News/Student-News/Detail?id=45821

Congratulations Geoffrey Moran

Geoffrey Moran, IC&J M.A., graduate class of 2012, now supervises the Ohio State Highway Patrol Intelligence Unit, which provides 24/7 support to internal and external customers with real-time crash, case and traffic stop assistance, as well as long-term, larger-scale case support. Services are offered free of charge to any inquiring law enforcement agency. The Unit also consists of 25 analysts supporting all manner of criminal investigations on a local, state, and national level.
Prof. George Andreopoulos


This book examines the rule of law from a global perspective, in the context of a growing array of transnational challenges and threats. As the United Nations notes, the rule of law constitutes the basis "on which fair and just societies are built." The contributions to this volume provide insights to several emerging debates about what the role of law means in the modern era of warfare and of massive and systematic human rights violations that call for robust and transparent accountability mechanisms and processes. Among the topics addressed are:

(1) The growing use of drones, and the morality of long distance use; (2) The UN Security Council's evolving counterterrorism policies and practices; (3) Victims' Rights and the effort to provide meaning and justice to victims and survivors of terrorism; (4) The relationship between the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRCs); (5) The effectiveness of the international criminal justice process overall, with an eye to procedural fairness and justice.

Prof. George Andreopoulos presented a paper on "Hegemonic International Law and Counter-Terrorism" at the American Political Science Association Convention in Boston and a paper on "Academic Freedom and Human Rights" at the International Studies Association Convention in San Francisco.

Last April, Prof. George Andreopoulos delivered the keynote address at a conference organized by the University of Macedonia in Greece on “Do We Need the United Nations?” where he received a special award for his contribution to the study of human rights.

Prof. Rosemary Barberet

Prof. Rosemary Barberet, Professor in the Sociology Department, our program founder and Past Editor of the Division on Women & Crime journal Feminist Criminology, is ready to discuss feminist criminological scholarship at the DWC Congressional Briefing.

Prof. Verónica Michel

Prof. Michel was recognized this year with the Donal EJ MacNamara Junior Faculty Award, which is given to John Jay faculty who have made a significant scholarly contribution in the preceding two years to the fields of criminal justice and criminology. This award came a few months after the publication of her first book by Cambridge University Press, entitled "Prosecutorial Accountability and Victims' Rights in Latin America." She is currently working on an article that looks at the role of NGOs in supporting relatives of victims of femicide in Mexico and Guatemala.
Congratulations Professors!

Prof. Yuliya Zabyelina

On 25–26 April 2018, Prof. Yuliya Zabyelina traveled to Doha, Qatar, to discuss the linkages between organized crime and terrorism. Organized jointly by the College of Law of the University of Qatar and UNODC’s Education for Justice (E4J) initiative, the conference aimed at discussing new research and more currently relevant analyses on how terrorists and criminal organizations are increasingly working together.

Participants tackled a wide selection of topics, ranging from the interplay between international, regional and national legal frameworks regulating terrorism and organized crime, to various types of linkages between terrorism and organized crime in different regions, and the appropriate policy, legal and judicial responses. In particular, discussions centered on the formulation of more effective crime prevention and criminal justice strategies, given both the evolving nature of crime and terrorism and the changing type of personal background of individuals slipping into terrorism.

At the conference, Prof. Zabyelina presented a paper about extortion and illicit taxation that are used to finance terrorist operations. Because of the multidimensional aspect of interplay between organized crime and terrorism, she stressed the need for improved knowledge sharing and cooperation on all levels, especially internationally. Following the money trail and countering illicit financing as well as developing targeted strategies to prevent extortion and kidnapping for ransom, amongst others, should remain central to counter-terrorism measures. Responsibilities, and Challenges."

Prof. Maria Haberfeld

These are Prof. Haberfeld newest publications for this year. All three are part of an EU grant that she was part of and represent comparative views on Community Oriented Policing and Technology around the world:


The first two briefs are Open Access – professors and students can read the materials for free!

Prof. Gohar Petrossian

In June, 2018, Prof. Petrossian presented a paper at the Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis Conference in Elche, Spain, while her colleague, Dr. Judith Weis, presented a paper, co–written with Dr. Petrossian and John Jay PhD student Monique Sosnowski, at the 5th International Marine Conservation Congress in Sarawak, Malaysia.

In April, 2018, Prof. Gohar Petrossian received the CUNY Book Completion Award. This highly–competitive award is given every year to CUNY faculty working on research projects that would lead to developing into publishable book manuscripts. Dr. Petrossian is one of the 24 recipients and one of the three John Jay faculty to receive this award. She will use this award to complete her book titled “The Last Fish Swimming: The Global Crime of Illegal Fishing”, due to be published by ABC–CLIO, a Praeger Imprint, in May, 2019.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Gohar Petrossian

There have been some curricular changes, and thus please note:

Students taking ICJ715 starting Fall, 2018, will no longer be required to take CRJ716. Instead, ICJ706 will become a required core course, which is also a core course for the ACTOCS certificate.

IC&J MA Online students can register for up to 2 courses per session (8W1 or 8W2), which would mean up to 4 courses per semester. IC&J MA Online students will not be allowed to take on–campus courses, while regular IC&J MA students are encouraged to take online courses if they are considering graduating early.

In Fall, 2018, the Committee on Graduate Studies approved the ICJXXX Special Topics Course, which will give the opportunity for our program to offer several Special Topics courses Starting Fall, 2019.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS

UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative 2019–2020

UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative programme provides a rare opportunity for students to learn about diplomacy from diplomats themselves. Although there is no shortage of courses on global politics and policies, few (if any) provide this education in the context of first-hand experience – experience the United Nations is uniquely situated to provide.

This is a rare opportunity for our students to take advantage of! You will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the diplomacy initiative program. You will also have the opportunity to meet (and be taught by) former Ambassadors and other UN Staff. The program also gives you access to the UN headquarters in NYC, where you will be able to attend many open meetings, network and learn about the UN from the UN!

The Spring semester classes begin on February 1st! If you are interested in this certificate program, please, let Dr. Petrossian know SOONEST possible, and NO LATER THAN December 1st, as she will have to put together your portfolio (resume, cover letter, copy of your passport page for the UN pass, etc…) and submit it to them by December 15th. They need this information soon, so that they can select the candidates, and, once selected, start processing your security clearance.

Note that you will be working with Dr. Petrossian as she coordinates this work with UNITAR, and upon her recommendation to the Dean of Graduate Studies, you will receive EXTERNAL CREDIT (3 credits as an elective course) toward your ICJ MA degree!

NEW ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

New Adjunct Hires to teach in the IC&J MA Online program:
Philip Reichel (taught ICJ702 in Fall),
Sinan Celiksu (teaching ICJ762 in Fall)
Jeffrey Locke (teaching ICJ762 in Spring)
David Marvelli (teaching ICJ700 in Spring)
Rebecca Hollender (teaching ICJ701 in Spring).

NEW FULL-TIME PROFESSORS

New Full–Time faculty joining IC&J MA program:
Amy Adamczyk (Professor) – Dept of Sociology
Joshua Freilich (Professor) – Dept of Criminal Justice
Jeff Mellow (Professor) – Dept of Criminal Justice

SUMMER COURSES

Look out for these SUMMER COURSES! (DATES AND TIMES for on–campus courses TBD).

ON–CAMPUS:
ICJ704 – Celiksu
ICJ762 – Celiksu
ICJ730 – Cronin

ONLINE:
ICJ701 – Hollender
ICJ702 – Haberfeld (5w)
ICJ704 – Karasiglu
ICJ706 – Zabyelina
ICJ725 – Petrossian
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The International Service Award is a new award in the Master of Arts Degree Program in International Crime and Justice program effective this 2018–2019 academic year.

This award will recognize the work of one graduating student every academic year that has gone above and beyond in giving back to the international community while enrolled in the program.

International service shall include:
- Study abroad research that has led to positive impact in a community outside of the United States;
- Involvement in a study abroad program that has allowed the student to give back to community outside of the United States (i.e.: education, development, sanitation, etc.);
- Independent humanitarian efforts (not sponsored by any formal institution or nongovernmental organization) that a student participated in abroad;
- Raising awareness about an international issue at John Jay College through a formal event or events (lecture, book discussion, fundraising, including work done through student involvement).

Application Process:
All graduating IC&J students will be allowed to nominate themselves, currently enrolled students are allowed to nominate other graduating students, and all IC&J faculty members will be allowed to nominate up to one student if they so choose in an academic year.

The application shall include:
1. Resume;
2. Write 250–500 words on what type of service the student completed (free of grammatical errors and must be legible);
3. Where it was the service completed, were there any obstacles the student faced in completing the service and how has the service made a difference in the life of the student or the lives of the community they served;
4. The student should also include any pictures, videos or testimonials that they think will shed light on the criteria above;

All applications should be submitted in one PDF file and emailed to icjmaprogram@gmail.com

International Service Award Sub-Committee/Review Committee
The committee is composed of two full–time faculty members of the International Crime & Justice Master of Arts program plus one Adjunct faculty member of the program. The committee will meet in the Spring 2019 to review submitted applications and determine the award recipient. The winner will be selected based on the submission of a completed application and the judgement of the committee members who determine which student has demonstrated the best case of international service.

Application deadline: Monday, March 4, 2019 at 5:00PM.
*Incomplete applications will not be considered
Master of Arts in International Crime and Justice &
Advanced Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies
Spring 2019 Schedule (01/25/2019 - 05/22/2019)

Required Core Courses (On-campus)

ICJ 700: International Crime & Justice Theory
Wednesdays 5:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: Mangai Natarajan

ICJ 702: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
Wednesdays 5:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: Veronica Michel-Luviano

ICJ 703: International Criminal Law
Tuesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: George Andreopoulos

ICJ 706: Transnational Crime
Mondays 5:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: Marie Helen Maras

Wednesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Katarzyna Celinska

ICJ 716: Capstone in International Crime & Justice
Thursdays 5:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: Rosemary Barberet

CRJ 716: Using Computers on Social Research*
Mondays 6:00PM to 6:00PM
Instructor: Daria Vaissman

OR

Tuesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Daria Vaissman

OR

Wednesdays 5:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: Jon Shane

OR

Saturdays 9:00AM to 11:00AM
Instructor: Evan Misshula

Elective Courses (On-Campus)

ICJ 750: Human Trafficking
Mondays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Nora Cronin

ICJ/PAD 762: Corruption & The Global Economy
Mondays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Jeffrey Locke

CRJ 739: Crime Mapping
Wednesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Margaret Smith

CRJ 713: White Collar Crime
Thursdays 8:10PM to 10:10PM
Instructor: Nathan Newman

CRJ 794: Organized Crime
Tuesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Dennis Kenney

CRJ 744: Terrorism & Politics
Tuesdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Hammad Sheikh

CRJ 746: Terrorism & Apocalyptic Violence
Wednesdays 3:45PM to 5:45PM
Instructor: TBD

PAD 772: International Inspection & Oversight
Thursdays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: TBD

PSY 705: Victimology
Wednesdays 8:30AM to 12:30PM
Instructor: Aditi Bhattacharya

OR

Mondays 6:00PM to 8:00PM
Instructor: Abbie Tuller

If you have any questions contact vanessa.gutierrez@jjay.cuny.edu.

Please note the above schedule is subject to change. Notice will be provided.

*CRI 716 is only required for those who took the old model of ICI 715 as of Sp’18.
ONLINE SPRING 2019 SCHEDULE
(01/25/2019 - 05/22/2019)

8 WEEK 1 01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
8 WEEK 2 03/25/2019 - 05/22/2019

Required Core Courses (Fully Online)

ICI 700: International Crime & Justice Theory
8 Week 2
Instructor: David Marvelli

ICI 701: Illegal Markets and Economic Justice
8 Week 2
03/25/2019 - 05/22/2019
Instructor: Rebecca Hollender

ICI 703: International Criminal Law
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Susan Kang

ICI 704: Crime, Justice, and Cultural Struggles
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Isa Karasioglu

ICI 706: Transnational Crime
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Gazmen Xhudo

OR

8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Veronica Michel-Luviano

ICI 780 - Internship in International Crime and Justice
01/25/2019 - 05/22/2019
Instructor: Susan Kang

Electives (Fully Online)

CRI 739: Crime Mapping
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Staff

CRI 713: White Collar Crime
8 Week 2
03/25/2019 - 05/22/2019
Instructor: Henry Pontell

CRI 784: Organized Crime
8 Week 2
03/25/2019 - 05/22/2019
Instructor: Dennis Kenney

CRI 746: Terrorism & Apocalyptic Violence
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Hammad Sheikh

CRI 744: Terrorism & Politics
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: David Viola

OR

CRI 798 - Homeland Security and Terrorism
8 Week 2
03/25/2019 - 05/22/2019
Instructor: Kelly Berkell

ICJ 762: Corruption and the Global Economy
8 Week 1
01/25/2019 - 03/19/2019
Instructor: Sinan Celiksu

If you have any questions contact your Online Peer Advisor at anjelica.demilio@jjay.cuny.edu

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UNited nations event

“Peacekeeping Investigations, Sanction Monitoring, and War Crime Investigations”
U.N. Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)
November 14, 2018

On November 14, 2018, we gathered for a presentation about “Peacekeeping Investigations, Sanction Monitoring, and War Crime Investigations” by the United Nations’ Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), and a mock crime scene exercise!

The Guests:

Michael Dudley, Principal Deputy Director
Vladimir Dzuro, Chief of the New York Office
Andreea Boer, Investigations Team Leader

The Office of Internal Oversight Services is the internal oversight body of the United Nations. The Investigations Division, specifically, investigates, reports of possible misconduct and makes recommendations for appropriate action to the Organization. Examples of investigations conducted by the Investigations Division include reports of serious and costly mismanagement or waste of the Organization's resources, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, complex fraud, improper recruitment and conflicts of interest.

Given that the Master of Arts in International Crime and Justice at John Jay prepares students from around the world to address the challenges posed by the growing phenomenon of international crimes, we were very happy to have the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to share their invaluable insights and experiences about the process of investigations and its challenges that evening.

Thank you everyone for attending! We hope to see you at future events.

Best,
Anjelica D’Emilio
IC&J M.A. Program Assistant

During the mock crime scene exercise, Andreea Boer, ID/OIOS Investigations Team Leader (in burgundy pants) explains to Fortune Koverua and Michelle Strah, ICJ M.A. Students, and other attendees how to preserve and collect evidence during a crime scene!
Wildlife Crime: Theory and Research
A Panel Discussion
October 15, 2018

On Oct. 15, 2018 the Master of Arts Program in International Crime and Justice, the Bachelor of Arts Program in International Criminal Justice and The Sustainability and Environmental Justice Program at John Jay College held a panel discussion about WILDLIFE CRIME: THEORY AND RESEARCH.

The Guests:

Prof. William Moreto – University of Central Florida
Prof. Stephen Pires – Florida International University
Prof. Mary Ting – John Jay College of Criminal Justice
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