

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

February 2020

CAREER HIGHLIGHT: CJUS RESEARCH

Have you ever thought of using your criminal justice degree for research? Professor Marla Sandys, Associate Professor and professional researcher, talked to us in January about utilizing our degree for research.

Research is a great way to further the field of criminal justice. There will always be a need for more researchers. And the good thing about research? You get to focus in on whatever you find interesting. From the death penalty to jury selection to recidivism, you get to focus in on what you like.

Professor Sandys shared many valuable things, but she wanted us to remember one above all else: don't go to graduate school unless it's free. She says that your chosen graduate school should pay for your tuition as part of your schooling: as a graduate student, you pay them back in research, knowledge, and cheap labor.

Social science research can be a great way to build a lasting career. You can develop new theories, assist government agencies, teach at the university level, and so much more.

HOW DO I BECOME A RESEARCHER?

Research has a lot of options, and it can be intimidating! Where should you start?

1. **Get into research as an undergrad!** Reach out to professors who have similar interests as you.
2. **Find out what you like.** What do you *want* to research? Follow your interests!
3. **Follow your interests right into graduate school.** Look up grad schools that have professors that are researching things similar to your interests! And if your dream school doesn't have what you want, do your own research!





JOB/INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Can you imagine being able to become a sworn police officer while still attending college? By joining the IUPD Cadet program, you can do just that.

There is only one program in the U.S. that allows students to work as police officers, Indiana University is it. This provides students with a very unique opportunity: to become a sworn police officer by the time they graduate.

IU Cadets enjoy many benefits: having actual work experience, possible credit for participation, and many career opportunities through networking and experience.

Many graduates of the program hold positions in the FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Marshall's Office, DEA, Indiana State Police, ATF, and more.

To be eligible, you must be a full-time student in good academic standing, be able to give at least two years (3 semesters) to the program, be at least 21 years old the year you would graduate from the Police Academy, have no criminal background, pass physical and psychological tests, and pass a background investigation.

Applications for next year close at the end of February. To apply, go to <https://jobs.iu.edu> or send general inquiries to pdpa@iu.edu.

Have you had a cool CJUS internship or job? Tell us all about it to get featured and open up opportunities for fellow students!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 20th: Regular Meeting 6pm
Guest Speaker Christine McAfee, Monroe County Juvenile Probation

March 5th: Regular Meeting 6pm
Guest Speaker Joani Shields, Monroe County Coroner

March 26th: Regular Meeting 6:30pm
Guest Speaker TBA

April 9th: Regular Meeting 6:30pm
Guest Speaker Ryan Skaggs and Zeus, IUPD K9 Officer

April 23rd: Regular Meeting 6:30pm
Guest Speaker TBA



TOP MONTHLY NEWS STORIES



January 22, 2020

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TEAM-UP

The Department of Justice joined Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to tackle human trafficking. The committee is currently working on expanding awareness, increasing funding, prosecuting human traffickers, and serve trafficking survivors.

February 3, 2020

PROTECTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The Justice Department agreed to modify its program to adjust to the needs of children with Type 1 diabetes. Before this, these children could be denied access to a child care center due to their disability. US Attorneys worked hard for this change to occur.

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TRUMP'S SUPER BOWL AD

It states that under the First Step Act, thousands have been released from prison. This is true – 3100 inmates have been released from drug offenses because of “good time credits” that allow early release for good behavior and reduced cocaine sentencing.



AROUND CAMPUS

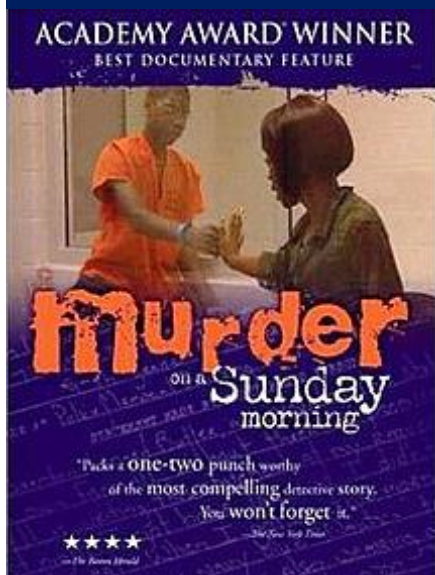
Dr. Miriam Northcutt Bohmert, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, has been awarded \$400,000 from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to investigate the use of fines and fees for people on probation and parole in Indiana.

ADVICE FROM ANDY

It is hard to believe that the spring semester is nearly one-third of the way over! The deadline to receive an automatic grade of "W" for 16 week courses is Sunday, March 15th. Second 8 weeks courses will begin on Monday, March 9th, so please do consider meeting with Krystie or I if you need help with your current schedule.

For students graduating in May 2020, please do consider applying for one or all of the Criminal Justice Awards, I sent out an email with application information on February 11th.

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What Else to Check Out This Month:

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

Murder on a Sunday Morning (available free on YouTube)

EVENTS

[Connect '20 Event](#): For those of you interested in learning more about jobs in the Federal Government. Meet with FBI and more!

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Resources

Career Help: [Career Coaching](#), [Open Positions](#), [Explore Careers](#), [Resumes and Cover Letters](#)

Criminal Justice Advisors: Andy Bloomgarden: ajbloomg@indiana.edu, Sycamore 336

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Criminal Justice Career Listings: [go Jobs](#), [Officer.com](#), [Law Enforcement IN](#), [BlueLine.com](#)

Graduate Resources: [Graduate School Handout](#), [Law Professional Center](#), [Graduate Programs](#)