

CSG Newsletter Spring 2022



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HAPPY RETIREMENT



The CSG Department wishes the best to Dr. Mary Donaghy on her recent retirement. Dr. Donaghy served the ASTATE community and the CSG department for 29 years. It has been a pleasure working with her. She is the true definition of dedication and hard work. She will be missed!



WELCOME BACK

CSG welcomes Ms. Linda Brady,
Instructor of Sociology.

We are happy to have her back on
board!



Letter from the Editor...

Welcome back to ASTATE! It's a New Year, a new semester, and time to put on a new game face! We continue to fight the great fight against Covid-19 and its myriad of strains—and as a gentle reminder—please mask up when entering the CSG office.

Academically, CSG had the highest course evaluation responses in several years with 64.29% of our online modalities and 95.72% of face to face courses for the Fall 2021 term!

With all the hopes and promises that the New Year can bring, it also brings us many more opportunities to work, learn, and grow together. To all the students, faculty, and staff of CSG, Happy New Year and Happy Spring!

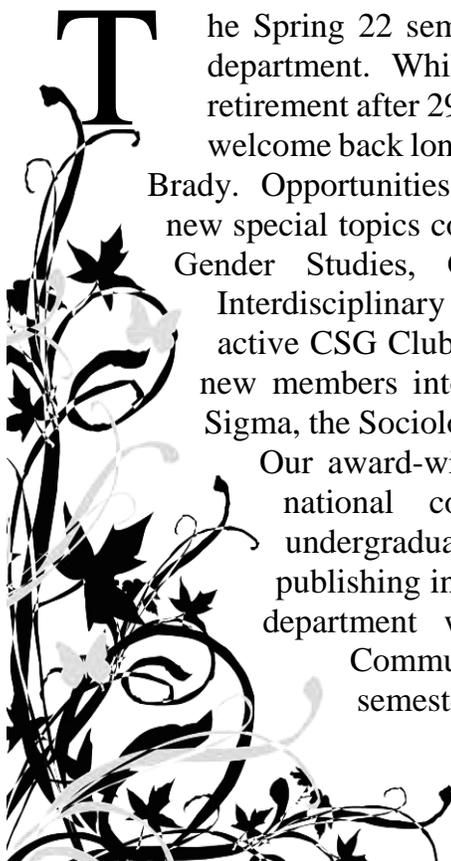
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Letter from the Chair...

The Spring 22 semester is an exciting one for the CSG department. While we honor Dr. Mary Donaghy in her retirement after 29 years of service to the department, we welcome back long-time Sociology instructor, Ms. Linda Brady. Opportunities for our students this semester include new special topics courses, exciting minors in Women and Gender Studies, Children's Advocacy Studies, and Interdisciplinary Family Studies, and participation in the active CSG Club. We look forward to the induction of new members into Alpha Kappa Delta and Alpha Phi Sigma, the Sociology and Criminology Honors societies.

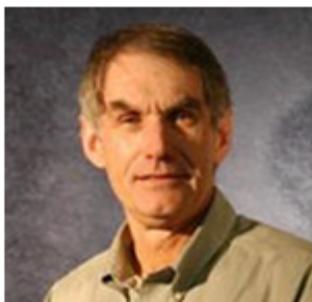
Our award-winning faculty continue to travel and present at international and national conferences, conduct innovative research and mentor both undergraduate and graduate students in these research projects, while actively publishing in edited volumes and high-ranking journals. We are proud to be the department with the most majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Communication and look forward to a productive and memorable Spring 22 semester!



CSG In the News

Lee's Research Accepted for Publication

An article co-authored by Dr. Selye Lee, assistant professor of criminology, and director of the criminal justice graduate program, has been accepted for publication in the journal *Crime and Delinquency*. The authors examined the relationship between poor parenting, frustration, impulsivity, and underage drinking. Based on the theoretical framework of Agnew's general strain theory (GST), their research study tested three structural models with national youth data.



Chapter by Stroud Included in New Book

A chapter written by Dr. Bill Stroud, professor of geography, is included in a book just published, *Justice in Climate Action Planning*. In his chapter, Stroud focuses on the case of pre-platted communities that were built in the 1950s and 1960s without adequate regard for climate change considerations. Developers were focused instead on aesthetics and the value of amenities in southwest Floridian landscapes.



Evans promotes Staff Recognition with PROPS Program

LaVonda Evans, Secretary of the Staff Senate Profiles Subcommittee, assisted with the launch of the new Staff Senate program "PROPS" (Proudly Recognizing Our Pack Staff), which provides a platform for any ASTATE Faculty, Staff, or Student to nominate a staff member for recognition. Nominees are chosen by the subcommittee and interviewed. The profiles will then be added to the Staff Senate website. To nominate a staff member, visit the Staff Senate webpage and look for the PROPS Program link.



CSG CONFERENCE NEWS

Recent MACJ Graduates with Faculty Presented at the National Conference in Chicago

Two master's students in the Criminal Justice program, Kyler Brinkley and Kathleen Chapman, along with Drs. Selye Lee, Averil Fegadel, and Dr. Della Winters presented their research at the American Society of Criminology annual conference (poster session) in November 2021. The titles of their research are *“Impact of Parental Involvement on Serious Juvenile Offender’s Views of Police Legitimacy”* (Kyler) and *“A Quantitative Content Analysis of Political Bias Impacting Mass Shooting Coverage.”* (Kathleen). They had a great time meeting Criminologists from all over the country and learning about the important work being done. And of course, they enjoyed exploring the windy city! CSG faculty look forward to attending more national conferences with graduate students.



From left: Kyler Brinkley, Kathleen Chapman, Dr. Selye Lee, Dr. Averil Fegadel



Kyler Brinkley



Kathleen Chapman

CSG RESEARCH NEWS

Research with Undergraduate Student to Promote Diversity/Global Awareness on Campus

Dr. Selye Lee has recently awarded the Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA) (November 2021) and began to work on the study titled: “*Perceptions of police and willingness to report hate crime incidents among college students.*” Hyesun Choi (URA recipient, Criminology) and Dr. Lee are currently working on data collection and planning to share the findings at Create@State in April 2022. Dr. Lee hopes that this opportunity will benefit undergraduate students to gain research experience and promote diversity and global awareness on campus.

Create @ State

Create @ State, is a *year-long program* that provides our traditional and online students with opportunities to become engaged in faculty mentored research and creativity with industry, community, and alumni for student learning and community building.



This program culminates each year with the *Create @ State Symposium* to showcase the co-curricular research, scholarly, and creative works of our students in a professional setting, with judges being those from industry, stakeholders, alumni, community leaders, and administration.



Get Ready!!! A-State Day of Giving is coming April 5, 2022

A-State students need your support now more than ever to achieve their academic goals. #Give2AState is the best day to give to Arkansas State University, because on April 5, 2022, your support goes further than any other day of the year.

#Give2AState is your chance to be a part of A-State's history. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work together toward a common goal! Let's make a difference together.

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