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Each new semester brings the challenge of growing both intellectually and responsibly. Remember:
YOU can do this.

YOU are capable of being a great student.

YOU can ask for help.

YOU can be a good role model.

YOU are courageous.

YOU can respect yourself.

YOU can create change.

YOU are a Red Wolf!

I hope you all look forward to a happy and engaging summer and wish you all the best in academic studies.

WOLVES UP!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Team CSG is excited to share the news of its newest member, Dr. Jaein Lee, Assistant Professor of Sociology! Dr. Lee and his family join us from Gettysburg College and we are thrilled to welcome them. I would like to thank Mrs. LaVonda Evans for her continued commitment to keeping the department wheels turning while I was on sabbatical in Fall 2022. The department would simply not function without her.



I would also like to thank my friend and colleague, Dr. Justin Castro, for filling in for me as interim chair in Fall 2022. Not only did Dr. Castro keep the CSG flag sailing in my absence, he was instrumental in getting approval to conduct an external chair search so CSG can have a permanent department chair in Criminology or Sociology. Dr. Ken Balusek has accepted the position and will join the department July 1st and will lead the department to new heights. Though saddened that my time in CSG is coming to an end, I am so proud of how far this department has come since I joined it in July 2021. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such amazing colleagues and students.

Wishing you all a positive and productive transition in the coming academic year!



Dr. Angelo Brown

Assistant Professor of Criminology
Faculty Advisor- Alpha Phi Sigma

Works:

- *Brown, A. (2022). The impact and experience of female police officers in peacekeeping missions: A qualitative exploration. International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice. (Accepted Sept 9, 2022).*
- *Brown, A. (2022). Fake it to you make it! The crimes and trial of Anna Sorokin (Delvey). In Cases on Crimes, Investigations, and Media Coverage.*
- *Brown, A. (2022). The Traditional Restorative Justice Practices that have Influenced Southern Africa. In Minding the Gap Between Restorative Justice, Therapeutic Jurisprudence, and Global Indigenous Wisdom.*
- *Brown, A. (2022). The Criminalization of Cannabis: Decolonizing the Harmful Enforcement. Decolonization of Criminology and Justice. Published 2022-11- 30*

Presentations:

- *Brown, A. (2022). The Impact of Cannabis Laws on Indigenous Peoples. Presented at the 2022 (November) American Society of Criminology Meeting.*
- *Brown, A. (2022). Decriminalization of Indigenous Medicinal Plants. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Criminology Consortium (October).*

Media:

- *Understanding Crime Data. KUAF National Public Radio. October 14, 2022.*



Dr. Stacy Dewald

Assistant Professor of Criminology

Stacy Dewald is an Assistant Professor of Criminology in the department of Sociology and Criminology. She holds a Ph.D. in Criminology, Law, and Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She previously worked as a legal investigator for a public defender's office. Her research focuses on problem-solving courts, policing, and sexual assault

Dr. Ken Balusek

Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminology

Ken Balusek is an Associate Professor of Criminology and the Chair of the Department of Sociology & Criminology. He served as Chair of the Department of Politics, Justice, & Society and Associate Chair of the Department of Psychology, Justice, & Society at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri before joining Arkansas State.

Dr. Balusek is married to Stephanie, has two grown sons, Bryce and Brent, and two dogs, Buster and Millie. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, watching sports, and doing jigsaw puzzles. He looks forward to leading the Department of Sociology & Criminology and working with the outstanding faculty and staff.

Dr. Balusek joins the department July 1, 2023.





Dr. Averi Fegadel

Assistant Professor of Criminology

Forthcoming publications:

- *Fegadel, A. R. (Accepted 11/10/2022) "Green victimization of Native Americans: Uranium mining as a form of toxic colonialism and genocide." Critical Criminology.*
- *Fegadel, A. R. "Juvenile Involvement in Double Parricide and Familicide in the U.S." In International Handbook on Juvenile Homicide, editor Kathleen M. Heide. Routledge (Accepted 03/22/2022 – forthcoming Spring 2023).*
- *Fegadel, A. R. "Uranium Mining, Environmental Inequality, and Native American Health." In Handbook of Inequality and the Environment, editors Michael A. Long, Michael J. Lynch, & Paul B. Stretesky. Edward Elgar Publishing (Accepted 07/12/2022 – forthcoming Summer 2023).*

Upcoming conference:

- *Sponsoring three graduate students presenting posters on their theses at ACJS in March – Sasha Burdsal, Meta Schlimpert, and Chris Pitts.*

Awards:

- *Nominated for Arkansas State University Faculty Achievement Award – Emerging Scholarship*



Dr. Veena Kulkarni

Associate Professor of Sociology
Graduate Program Coordinator- Sociology

Peer-reviewed Publication

- Kulkarni, Vani S., Veena S. Kulkarni, Katsushi Imai, Raghav Gaiha. "Trust as Key to Health Sector Reforms" in *Asian Development Review*.

Peer-reviewed Presentations

- Kulkarni, Veena S. "The 'Secondary' Spouse: Exploring Differences in Relative Wives' Earnings Contribution in Asian and White Households", *American Sociological Association Meetings, August 5-9 2022, Los Angeles*.
- Kulkarni, Veena S. 'Uncovering Incarceration: An Exploration of the Relationship between Incarceration and Mental Health in Rural Jails', *American Society of Criminology Meetings, November 16-19, 2022, Atlanta*.

Other scholarly activity

- Discussant for the session, 'Education's Unequal Distribution and Returns in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, *Population Association of America Meetings, April 13-15, New Orleans*.

Jason Baldwin of the West Memphis Three



Members of the CSG Club, CSG Staff, and other interested participants had the opportunity to speak with Jason Baldwin, one-third of the trio known as the West Memphis Three. The case, though local to Craighead county, made international news due to the controversial investigative and court methods and is still ongoing to this day. Baldwin answered questions about his experience during the investigative process and beyond, as well as shared his own personal perspectives on the events that took place during the West Memphis Three. All engaged in conversation about theories and possibilities that could bring true justice and closure to a case which has made such a profound impact on his, and thousands of others, lives.

Members of the CSG Club challenge their investigative and problem-solving skills at Locked Away: Escapes.



*Left to Right: Jonna Davis, Heysun Choi, Alissa DeLong, Dr. Averil Fegadel, Jay Rogers
Front: Sasha Burdsal, Ashlynn Rippy*



CSG Girls Night at Hijinx Bowling!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

Lee Co-Authors Study of Police Perceptions

An article co-authored by Dr. Selye Lee, assistant professor of criminology, was recently published in the *International Criminal Justice Review*. As lead author, Lee used group-based trajectory modeling to identify the developmental trajectories of perceptions of police legitimacy among serious adolescent offenders, by gender. The [study](#) further identified factors associated with each trajectory group, utilizing the longitudinal study of "Pathways to Desistance."



Wilson-Buford is Consultant for Network Program

Dr. Kellie Wilson-Buford, associate professor of history and interim chair, Sociology and Criminology, was a consultant for an ongoing CBS investigative series about LGBTQ military veterans dishonorably discharged under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Wilson-Buford's research on the U.S. military justice system's use of the Uniform Code of Military Justice's Articles 125 and 134 to court-martial and discharge suspected homosexuals from 1950-2000 provides critical historical context for the [series](#).



Lee Studies Impact of Violence in Mexico

An article co-authored by Dr. Jaein Lee, assistant professor of sociology, has been published in *Social Forces*. He and his fellow researcher [investigated](#) how the spike of local violence in Mexico has evolved following the Mexico war on drugs in 2006. They found that the high rate and increased frequency of local homicides were associated with a higher risk of divorce or separation, especially for less-educated women.



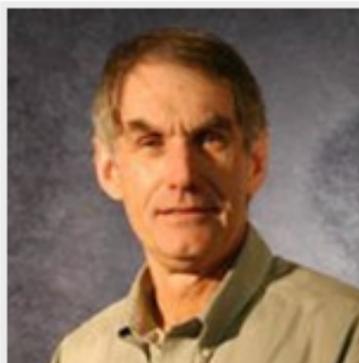


Acharya Co-Authors Gender Discrimination Study

Dr. Sanjeev Acharya, assistant professor of sociology, is co-author of a study about gender discrimination published in *eClinicalMedicine*. Acharya and associates analyzed data from a cohort in the Czech Republic and found that perceived gender discrimination among child-bearing women in family contexts was associated with more mental health problems among their children and adolescents. These findings extend prior research showing associations with maternal mental health problems.

Lee is Co-Author of Award-Winning Poster

Dr. Jaein Lee, assistant professor of sociology, was lead author of two papers presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) annual conference in New Orleans. He and his co-author from UT-San Antonio received the PAA poster award for "Religion, Religiosity and Acceptance of Suicide in South Korea," in which they concluded that protestants in South Korea are the most religious group and also the least accepting of suicide.



Stroud is Interviewed for National Publication

Dr. Bill Stroud, emeritus professor of geography, was interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* for an article about Hurricane Ian's impact in Florida. Stroud discussed the challenges facing Cape Coral as it recovers from the hurricane. During his career, he extensively researched land development issues in Florida, especially pre-platted communities built in the 1950s and 1960s without adequate regard for climate change considerations.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

Brown's Research and Book Chapter Published

A paper by Dr. Angelo Brown, assistant professor of criminology, was published by the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*. He compares the differences experienced by female police officers who are deployed in United Nations peacekeeping missions as compared to their male counterparts. He also wrote a [chapter](#) on Anna Sorokin (Delvey) for a book on crimes, investigations and media coverage.



Fegadel's Study of Group Injustices is Published

An article by Dr. Averi Fegadel, assistant professor of criminology, has been published in *Critical Criminology*. Based on her dissertation, this study explores the social, economic and environmental injustices experienced by Native Americans. In particular, this research confronts historic and current struggles endured by Native Americans in their resistance to ecocide, genocide and capitalism by focusing on uranium mining in the Southwestern United States.



Brown Presents to Two Groups on Cannabis Laws

Dr. Angelo Brown, assistant professor of criminology, recently made two presentations related to his research. He presented "The Impact of Cannabis Laws on Indigenous Peoples" to the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, and discussed "Decriminalization of Indigenous Medicinal Plants" for the virtual conference of the Criminology Consortium. Brown also was interviewed by KUAF radio about how to better understand crime data.



CONFERENCES

ACJS Annual Conference

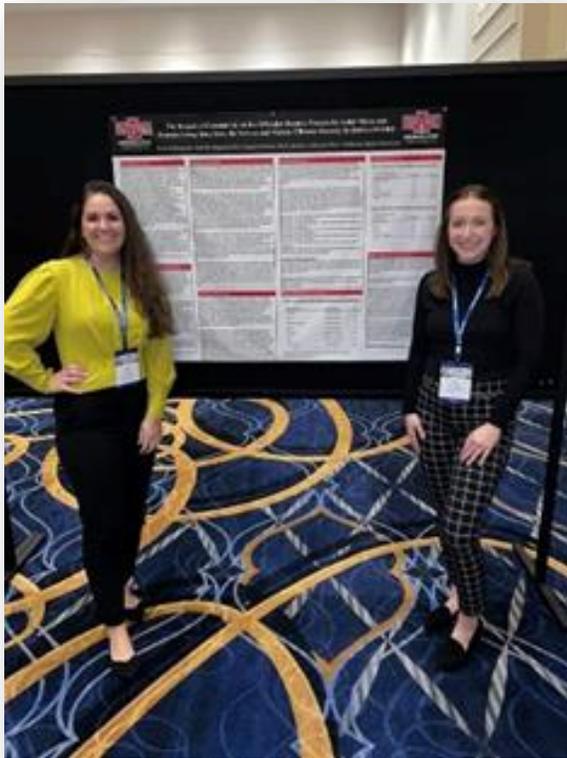
Graduate Assistant Sasha Burdsal, pictured with Dr. Averi Fegadel with her research: "*Moral Panics and Politicians who Create Them: A Comparative Historical Analysis of the Crack-Cocaine and Methamphetamine Epidemics.*"



(Left to right) Dr. Averil Fegadel, Dr. Angelo Brown, Criminology GA Hyesun Choi, and Dr. Selye Lee pictured with research co-authored by Hyesun Choi, Dr. Lee and others, titled "*Perceptions of Police Legitimacy and Willingness to Report Hate Crime Incidents to the Police by Race/Ethnicity*"

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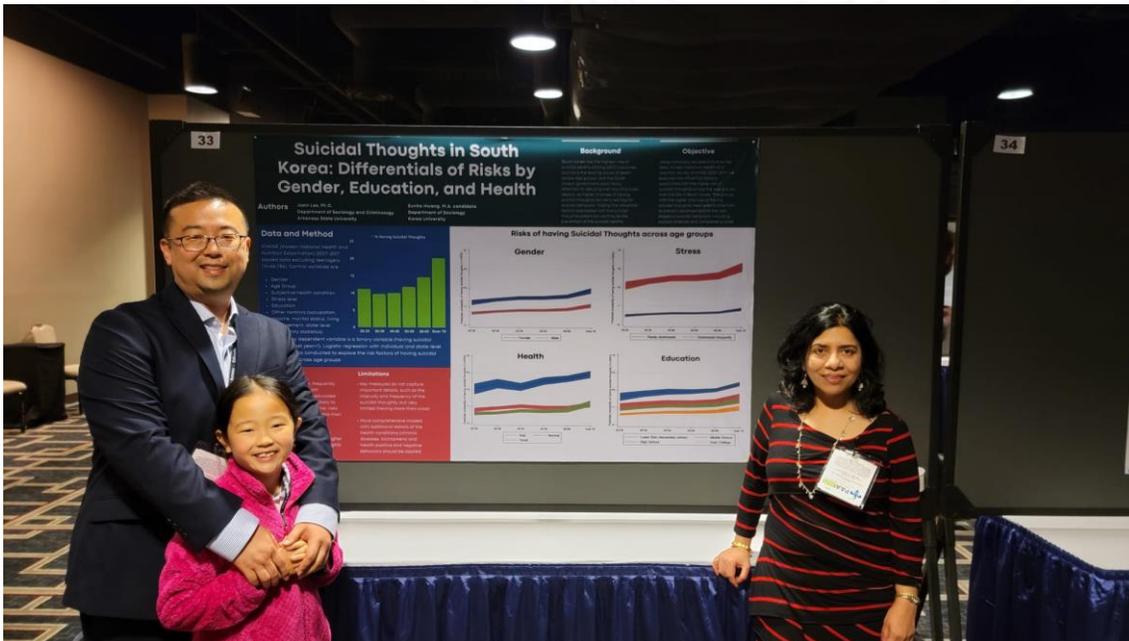
Graduate Assistant Meta Schlimpert, pictured with Dr. Averil Fegadel with her research: "*The Impact of Community on the Offender Reentry Process Using Data from the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI) on Adult Males and Females.*"

Dr. Veena Kulkarni presents at the ACJS Conference in National Harbor, Maryland



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PAA Annual Conference



Above, Dr. Jaein Lee (with daughter), Assistant Professor of Sociology, along with Dr. Veena Kulkarni (above right, bottom right), Associate Professor of Sociology & Graduate Program Co-Director recently presented individual works at the Annual Population Association of America Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Jaein Lee won the PAA Poster Award





Choi Named as Recipient of R.E. Lee Wilson Award

Hye Sun Choi, a senior from Seoul, South Korea, [received the prestigious R.E. Lee Wilson Award for 2023](#), at the 90th student honor awards ceremony Thursday evening at Cooper Alumni Center. The Wilson Award is the highest honor an Arkansas State University student can receive.

Perry Wilson of Little Rock, the award namesake's great-great-grandson, was present to announce Choi as the recipient. She will graduate in May with degrees in criminology and political science. With a cumulative grade point average of 4.0, Choi has received numerous honors and awards including the 4.0 Scholar Award from the College of Liberal Arts and Communication.



Burdsal Named Outstanding Graduate Criminology & Criminal Justice

Sasha Burdsal thesis is titled, "*Moral Panics and Politicians who Create Them: A Comparative Historical Analysis of the Crack-Cocaine and Methamphetamine Epidemics.*"



Schlimpert Named Outstanding Graduate Criminology & Criminal Justice

Meta Schlimpert's utilized the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative dataset to examine which factors have an impact on an individual's reentry into the community post-release.



Hays Named Outstanding Graduate Sociology

Chelsea Hays thesis is titled, "*University Media Coverage of Rape Cases and its Contribution to Victim Blaming.*"



Choi Named Outstanding Under Graduate Criminology

Hye Sun Choi received the highest undergraduate honors award at the department level.

Hufstedler Named Outstanding Under Graduate Sociology

(Not pictured) Cori Hufstedler received the highest undergraduate honors award at the department level.

Stubblefield Receives John C. Osoinach Sociology Scholarship

Sarai Stubblefield was chosen as the recipient for the John C. Osoinach Scholarship.

Students are selected based on the application requirements for the scholarship.





Morgan-Couch & Rogers Receive Rukus Memorial Book Award

Summer Morgan-Couch (left) and James "Jay" Rogers (right), were nominated by faculty to receive the Dr. Joseph Rukus Memorial Book Award. Dr. Averri Fegadel issued their awards.

Each year, two criminology majors are chosen for the award in honor of our esteemed colleague, Dr. Joseph Rukus, who passed away December 28, 2021. Through this department award, his passion for



Ross & Tolbert Receive Donaghy Book Award

Jamie Ross (above) and Rachel Tolbert (not pictured) were nominated by faculty to receive the Dr. Mary Donaghy Sociology Book Award. Dr. Veena Kulkarni issued the award.

Each year, two sociology majors are chosen for the award in honor of our 21-year colleague, Dr. Mary Donaghy, who retired in December 2022. Through this department award, her passion for sociology lives on.

CSG Scrapbook

...Out and About

