Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology co-hosts the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, November 20-23, 2013

Last November Georgia State University’s Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology co-hosted with Emory University the 69th annual American Society of Criminology Conference in Atlanta. More than 3,500 respected and aspiring criminologists were in attendance at the conference of the largest criminal justice professional society in the world. Associate Professors Timothy Brezina and Volkan Topalli served as program co-chair and local event organizer, respectively. Ambassador Andrew Young gave the opening address and spoke on how criminology is an important component of public policy. Congressman John Lewis addressed the group at its closing event with a discussion on human rights and social justice issues. Several Criminal Justice faculty members and graduate students presented papers at the conference highlighting their research.

Joining Ambassador Andrew Young (seated) are (left to right) Robert Agnew, president of the American Society of Criminology; George Turner, chief of the Atlanta Police Department; Sally Quillian Yates, U.S. attorney, Northern District of Georgia; Karol Mason, assistant attorney general for the Office of Justice Programs; Jacqueline Bunn, executive director, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia; Mary Beth Walker, dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies; and Gwendolyn Sands, executive director, Visions Unlimited Youth Violence Prevention.

Ambassador Andrew Young (seated) and Dean Mary Beth Walker (directly behind Ambassador Young) with Robert Agnew (far left kneeling), president of The American Society of Criminology, and faculty and graduate students from the Criminal Justice and Criminology department.
Awards & Honors

Mary Finn, professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), and John Prevost, doctoral student (Criminal Justice and Criminology), in partnership with Applied Research Services, have been awarded $221,309 from the National Institute of Justice to examine the influence of parole officer home visits on offender outcomes. Their project, “Assessing the Influence of Home Visit Themes and Temporal Ordering on High-Risk Parolee Outcomes,” will focus on the temporal and sequential ordering of events during community supervision that are most predictive of successful parole outcomes.

Publications


Erdal Tekin, professor (Economics) and research fellow (National Bureau of Economic Research “Child Care Subsidy Policy: What It Can and Cannot Accomplish.” *IZA World of Labor*, (forthcoming). Erdal Tekin also has several articles forthcoming with the following co-authors:


- Michael Grossman (CUNY and NBER), and alumnus Roy Wada (Ph.D. Economics ’08 and now with the University of Illinois at Chicago). “Fast-Food Restaurant Advertising on Television and Its Influence on Youth Body Composition.” *Economics and Human Biology*.

- Alumnus Resul Cesur (Ph.D. Economics ’09 and now with the University of Connecticut) and Joseph Sabia (San Diego State University). “Combat Exposure and Migraine Headache: Evidence From Exogenous Deployment Assignment.” *Economics and Human Biology*.
Presentations

Terri D. Lewinson, assistant professor (Social Work), made several presentations at the Gerontological Society of America’s 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in New Orleans, November 20-24, 2013:

- “Hotel-Health Challenges for Older Adults: Support for Patient-Centered Care,” “Traumatic Transitions to Extended Stay Hotels: Homeless Women’s Descriptions of Abuse, Loss, and Fear”
- “Broadening the Impact of Health Research: Community-based Participatory Research Contributions to Empowerment, Policy, and Practice”
- “Facilitators of Resilience: Older Adults’ Management of Stressful Health and Housing Challenges at Budget Hotels.”

AYSPS Economics faculty, students and alumni attend 2014 American Economic Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in January

![Dean Mary Beth Walker (front row, far right) and Professor Sally Wallace (front row, third from the right) with AYSPS Economic alumni and students at the 2014 American Economic Association annual meeting in Philadelphia, January 3-5, 2014.]

Media Hits

Carolyn Bourdeaux, associate professor (Public Management and Policy) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), was quoted in a *Douglas County Sentinel* article, "... Affordable Care Act Could Hurt Deal’s Re-Election Bid," January 8, 2014.  [http://goo.gl/8rd9a0](http://goo.gl/8rd9a0).

Robert Friedman, professor emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), was quoted on *PolitiFact Georgia’s* website, “Police Foundation on Target,” on January 10, 2014.  [http://goo.gl/qf6anr](http://goo.gl/qf6anr).

Community Activities and Outreach

Mary Finn served as the local research partner and Nancy Dickinson, doctoral student (Criminal Justice and Criminal Justice), assisted the Rockdale County Taskforce Against Family Violence in its successful efforts to be selected as one of 12 sites to receive a grant award from the first-ever Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative (DVHP Initiative). The $2.3 million grant program was announced last March by Vice President Biden and Attorney General Holder. The Office of Violence Against Women is partnering with the National Institute of Justice to rigorously evaluate the implementation and outcomes of the DVHP Initiative, which is based on the successful homicide reduction models from Newburyport, Massachusetts, and the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program. With the DVHP grant, Finn and Dickinson will work with the Rockdale County Task Force to identify the key components of these models, and the steps necessary to adapt and successfully replicate them in different communities.

Congratulations

Gerry Neumark, part-time instructor (Public Management and Policy), was elected president of A.P.A.B., the City of Atlanta Planning Board, for 2014.

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