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The View From the Director's Office

Director of the Centre since July 1, Kelly Hannah Moffat has four priorities for the next few months. First on her list is working to build up faculty complement, both with positions at the Centre and by expanding our cross-appointments from other units. (In the past few months, Prof. Audrey Macklin, an expert in migration law, was cross-appointed to the Centre, as was Prof. Li Chen, a sociolegal scholar and historian of China and Chinese-European relations whose undergraduate appointment is at Scarborough).

The second priority is to continue working with Woodsworth on the integration of graduate and undergraduate programs. The proposed re-naming of the undergraduate program as "Criminology and Sociolegal Studies", which would better reflect the breadth of the curriculum and also be in keeping with the Centre's own name change, is one element in this. A second and quite exciting development is that for the first time ever, the undergraduates (with support from Centre faculty) have started a journal in which undergraduate work in criminology and sociolegal studies can be published. Kelly has also worked with CRIMSA, the undergraduate student union, so that undergraduates can benefit more from the Centre's expertise and resources. Along these lines, there are plans to make more study and research space and facilities available in the library (see accompanying article on the Library and Information Service).

Kelly and Centre staff are also working on enhancing the website, to make it more accessible and attractive and also to update information more regularly, so that the outside world can more easily appreciate what is done here. An example would be to provide a list, ahead of time, of activities taking place at the Centre. Currently, events scheduled here (apart from the regular lunchtime speakers' series, to which all are welcome) include:

- In January, the midwinter meeting of the Canadian Law and Society Association, which will include a day for research presentations, as well as, several business meetings of the association.
- In April, an international research workshop on "Penal Boundaries", organized by Kelly, Paula Maurutto, and Phil Goodman (Sociology UTM).
- In May, hosting a workshop on the history of women's imprisonment in Canada, as part of the Berkshire Women's History conference taking place at the University of Toronto. This will be sponsored by the Centre and the Berkshire conference in collaboration with Simone Davis, a noted prison activist and educator.



Professor Kelly Hannah-Moffat, Director

Upcoming Speaker Series

Friday November 8th – 12:30pm
Ericson Seminar Room (Room 265)

Rashmee Singh, University of Waterloo
"Nothing to Translate: Migrant Mediators, Gender Violence, and Women's Empowerment in Toronto's Diaspora."

Tuesday November 19th – 12:30pm
Ericson Seminar Room (Room 265)

Jamie Rowen, University of Toronto
"We Don't Believe in Transitional Justice: Law and Social Change in Colombia"

Week of Dec 9th (TBA) – 12:30pm
Ericson Seminar Room (Room 265)

Kim Shayo Buchanan,
University of Southern California

Title: TBA

Unless otherwise indicated, all talks will be preceded by a light lunch at noon in the Centre's lounge. Talks will begin at 12:30 in the Ericson Seminar Room.

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All are Welcome.

A Multipurpose Space for the Information Age:

The Centre's Library and Information Service, Fifty Years After the Centre's Founding

Are libraries old-fashioned quiet places to read and borrow books? Or are they exciting new spaces, combining the latest information systems and information sharing tools and techniques with an analog-era love of books? The Centre's library transformed itself into a "library and information service" in 1995-6, very early in the Internet age. At that time, scholarly databases were in their infancy. But Tom Finlay (now librarian emeritus) and Andrea Shier, our current librarian, were at the forefront of the information age, and have used their skills ever since to ensure that our library/information service stays ahead of the curve. The Centre's many external reviewers over the years have all concluded that this service is second to none. The fact that Tom, a librarian emeritus – the sort of person one imagines poring over dusty tomes-created the Centre's first blog www.crimbrary.blogspot.ca and maintains the Centre's Facebook page is quite telling.

Serving students is the library/information service's first objective, for Andrea and for library technician Krista Nolan, who has been with us since 2012 and has become very knowledgeable about criminology. At the front desk, Krista provides quick reference, both in person and over the phone. There, students can also print out assignments – with the printer being handily located near the undergraduate criminology program's drop box – as well as photocopy needed books and articles. Krista points out that the excellent wi-fi the building has had since we moved here in 2007 is due to the fact that libraries are "hot spots", something that benefits not only the Centre but also the building's other occupant, the School for Public Policy and Governance. Krista also connects new students, new professors and visiting scholars to the university's wi-fi. In addition, she manages the course reserves, kept behind the desk.

Other universities also benefit from Krista's services, since she is the person who responds to the numerous Inter-Library Loan requests we receive. Our collection, which goes back to the 1960s, contains not only books but also rare documents that can be requested by researchers around Ontario and beyond.



Kirsten Nolan and Andrea Shier

A student-friendly innovation this year is a group of comfortable armchairs forming a kind of open lounge that is used by Public Policy as well as Criminology students. Students and indeed anyone in the library can access the main U of T library catalogue as well as the criminology library's specialized databases using the three computers that are now available; Krista and Andrea hope to soon acquire a few more computers and additional power outlets for laptops in order to provide a better, lab-like space for students. Centre director Kelly Hannah-Moffat is also contemplating moving some of the computers that have SPSS (a social science program that helps in data analysis) and that are now upstairs in the computer room downstairs to the library, so that upper-level undergraduates can use them more readily, though fourth-year students have already been using the SPSS Centre computers for specialized assignments for years now.

The vast majority of librarians catalogue research and make it available, but Andrea Shier excels as a librarian because she is an active participant in the production of new research. A good example is her research guide, available on the library's own webpage

www.criminology.utoronto.ca/lib/

The library's webpage links researchers to databases containing original crime statistics, and to other databases with useful information not generally found in libraries, as well as making it easier to locate appropriate scholarly resources. The research guide developed by Andrea also trains students to find out if an article is scholarly, and contains handy tips for finding, sources and citing them. On this webpage, people (not just at U of T) can have access to, and search, the database of all 13 volumes of *Criminological Highlights*, the summary of research findings in lay language that has long been produced at the Centre by a team of about ten scholars, including Andrea.

The *Highlights* research digest is funded by the Attorney General of Ontario but is accessible to all, and has long helped to maintain the Centre's profile among judges and government officials, as well as crime reporters and many other non-university people who are interested in criminal justice research. Since the Centre does not have its own server, the *Highlights* archive is hosted by the University of Toronto Library, an example of many inter-university cooperative arrangements our librarians have developed.

Andrea Shier also carries out special projects by request, with a fee being charged if they involve non-trivial amounts of time. Last year she worked on a lengthy annotated bibliography on 'the collateral consequences of a finding of guilt' for the Canadian Bar Association (CBA). This bibliography contains not just scholarly articles but all manner of 'grey literature', including legal materials and reports from a wide range of non-scholarly sources. The Canadian Bar Association will put this on their website so that lawyers across Canada, especially those without access to the research support large firms provide, can better serve their clients. The Honorable Justice David Cole, who is an adjunct professor here at the Centre, brought the CBA and Andrea together.

Last year, Andrea also prepared a bibliography, again using more than scholarly sources, for Prof. Carla Cesaroni at the Ontario University of Technology (UOIT), on interventions used for youths who have committed serious violent crimes. And since sociolegal studies is part of the Centre's mandate, Andrea's research services go beyond criminology. In the past couple of months, she has gathered and sorted a large number of reports and documents for Prof. Mariana Valverde's SSHRC-funded project on public-private partnerships in local government.

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And of course, Andrea carries out, at no cost, smaller-scale by-request searches, for example for doctoral students, and also for criminology undergraduates who are doing special research projects. Andrea also provides digital research education for criminology classes and, by request, for groups of students.

In this day and age, outreach using social media is important. As mentioned earlier, librarian emeritus Tom Finlay set up and continues to produce a weekly blog of criminological news and takes care of the Centre's (not just the library's) Facebook page, while Krista Nolan looks after the library's Twitter account (#crimlib). In addition, Krista answers a live chat line that is kept open 10am to 4pm during the school year, and which can be used by people, wherever they might be, engaged in criminological research. Also, the Ontario-wide university reference service, Ask On, often refers specialized research questions that they cannot answer to our own chat line, that is, to Krista and Andrea.

The library/information service has been rationalizing its holdings, for example by disposing of old journals that are now online; but one recent innovation regarding books has been the creation of a special 'rare book room'. Our collection has a number of rare volumes going back to the nineteenth century, and it makes sense to keep them in a locked room rather than on the open shelves.

Students and researchers all over Canada owe Krista, Andrea, and Tom a big thank you for all the work they have done to ensure that our library/information service keeps up with all the information technology innovations while still looking after a valuable book and document collection (a collection, which, incidentally, has long attracted visiting scholars from abroad). This year we are increasing the amount and the quality of student study space. In the near future we hope to add more computers and to increase the number of services provided, while ensuring that the excellent quality of student support and research support that has long

been the hallmark of our library/information services is maintained.



Centre for Criminology
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Focus on Faculty: Rosemary Gartner

In 2010 Rosemary Gartner became the first scholar based outside of the US to serve as coeditor of the #1 journal in criminology, the American Society of Criminology's flagship journal Criminology. She and her two coeditors (Wayne Osgood and Eric Baumer), who have recently signed on, together, for another three-year term, decided to apply for this prestigious position because they wanted the journal to reflect a broader range of methods and theories, as well as more non-US content.

Dealing with about 400 submissions per year, even when the workload is divided among three people, is clearly very time consuming. While editorial work at a major journal clearly has a negative impact on the editors' own productivity, nevertheless Rosemary feels that editors gain a lot as scholars, since they read and have to make decisions on a much broader range of work than most of us, in this age of specialization, would normally read.

The acceptance rate is a very low 15%; however, Rosemary points out that many authors submit to Criminology first and then, if rejected, use the reviewers' comments, which everyone acknowledges are almost always very good, to improve their work so that it can then be

published elsewhere. Authors also know that the journal has a two-month turnaround time for manuscripts, which is very low by major journal standards. Thus, many more people benefit from the editorial work of Rosemary and her coeditors than ever see their names published in the journal.

Rosemary's high-profile position in the #1 journal in the field of criminology is clearly of benefit to the Centre, especially in terms of international reputation. Colleagues and students are therefore grateful that Rosemary is willing to do this important work while carrying on with her responsibilities here.

Focus on PhD Alumni

Randy Seepersad, who, with the help of a Commonwealth doctoral grant, obtained his PhD at the Centre under Professor Scot Wortley's supervision, is the lead editor of an important book, the first thorough study of gangs in the Caribbean region: Randy Seepersad and Ann Marie Bissessar, Gangs in the Caribbean, Cambridge University Press, 2013. Randy is a professor of criminology at the University of West Indies, in his native Trinidad, and continues to collaborate on research concerning crime and victimization in the Caribbean with

Scot Wortley and another PhD graduate from the Centre from the Caribbean, Ann Marie Barnes (now Permanent Undersecretary for Criminal Justice in the Jamaican Government).

Anita Lam, now a professor of criminology at York University, revised her doctoral dissertation, supervised by Mariana Valverde, and turned it into a book being published this fall, Making Crime Television: Entertaining Representations (London, Routledge/Cavendish).

Recruiting for the PhD Program

In September, three students entered into our PhD program. **Valentin Pereda Aguado** is a Mexican student who is coming to Toronto after obtaining an Master's in Law from Warwick University in the UK and plans to write a dissertation on aspects of the Mexican drug wars under the supervision of Professor Matthew Light. He sees our doctoral program as striking a good balance between the US system of very lengthy doctoral preparation, on the one hand, and on the other the British system, which requires little or no course work from PhD students. But more importantly, he thinks he can write a better dissertation here than he could either in Mexico or in the US, since the politicization of the war on drugs in both of those countries makes it difficult, he says, to undertake independent research that is not biased in favour of law enforcement priorities. Valentin has also enjoyed getting to know the City of Toronto.

Mayana Slobodian, who is from Vancouver Island, came to our PhD program after doing a Master's in Social and Political Thought at York during which she began to turn toward sociolegal studies, in part as a result of working as a TA in York's Law and Society program (where several Centre

PhD graduates are now professors). Having lived in California for a year after the MA, Mayana explored several sociolegal studies doctoral programs in the US, but chose U of T because our program is uniquely suited to someone who wants to deepen her knowledge of legal issues and legal forms but from a postcolonial perspective. Her PhD dissertation will be an analysis of the way in which aboriginal Canadians have become the subjects of government inquiries and Royal Commissions over the years, a study (under Mariana Valverde's supervision) that will contribute to the new field of 'anthropology of the state' as well as to the fast-growing field of aboriginal sociolegal studies.

Mayana remarks that it is refreshing to be in a place where most faculty are in their offices most days, a fact that makes it easy for students to benefit from a wide range of scholarly traditions. Coming from a background that drew on humanities more than on social sciences, Mayana had some worries about her encounter with criminological research, but she has greatly enjoyed taking Rosemary Gartner's methods course and Peter Solomon's 'Crime and Politics' course.

Finally, **Grant Valentine** transferred into our PhD program from the Carleton Department of Law and Legal Studies, but he's not a newcomer since he is a graduate of our MA program. He will work under the supervision of Paula Maurutto on an innovative project synthesizing work in the sociocultural study of emotion with work on criminal justice policy. Grant feels that while his stay at Carleton was very useful in introducing him to work on law and the emotions that has fundamentally shaped his doctoral project, there are more scholars and better resources at the Centre to pursue his research. For now he is particularly interested in how emotions drive legislation that curtails judicial discretion, but his dissertation proposal is still in the very early stages.



Grant Valentine, Mayana Slobodian, and Valentin Pereda Aguado

Spotlight on Junior Fellows: Kyle Kirkup

In early October, the Globe and Mail published an editorial critically analyzing the sentencing of a woman to 39 months in prison for HIV nondisclosure, in a case where the woman was paid \$20 for sex by a man who did not wear a condom: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/when-should-unprotected-sex-trigger-the-heavy-hand-of-criminal-law/article14674242>

The author of this piece is the Centre's junior fellow Kyle Kirkup, who is completing a doctoral degree at the Law School. Earlier in the term, Kyle was singled out at a national level amongst his cohort with the most prestigious award doctoral students in social sciences and in law can get, a Trudeau fellowship.

After obtaining a law degree at the University of Ottawa, and clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada, Kyle went to Yale for a LL.M. degree.



Kyle Kirkup

Originally he thought he would stay at Yale for a doctorate, but decided to come to U of T. A major factor in this decision was the encouragement by two people who became his co-supervisors, Brenda Cossman from Law and Mariana Valverde from the Centre. His connection with the Centre and with our undergraduates started right away, since he was hired as a TA for the undergraduate criminal law course.

Kyle tells us that his dissertation –an interdisciplinary study of criminal law and of current policing and punishment

practices affecting LGBT people, especially transgender people –could not have been carried out without the Centre's support. "Both professors and students were very generous with their time, and willing to share not only methodological advice but also their own research and contacts", he said. He also enjoys being a teaching assistant in criminology courses, remarking that "the criminology undergraduates are really good students!"

Kyle is one of several 'junior fellows' currently at the Centre—that is, people doing their doctorates in other departments whose research is of interest to the Centre and who apply to be 'fellows' here. Other junior fellows include Holly Campeau, and Marianne Quirouette, both from Sociology. A recently graduated junior fellow, Lisa Freeman, who did her PhD in Geography, helped Kyle to prepare his Trudeau fellowship application, via email, and as coincidence would have it vacated her desk at the Centre just in time for Kyle to occupy it. Lisa Freeman is now a post-doctoral fellow in Vancouver, working on a legal geography project with eminent scholar Nicholas Blomley.

Junior fellows have long been integral to the Centre's mission, and Kyle is just one of many who have enriched the Centre over the years and have gone on to successful academic careers.

Student Orientation 2013



Undergraduate Profile

Etienne Farmer Lacombe, a Political Science and Criminology double major, spent last year studying abroad, at the University of Manchester. When looking into possibilities for a year abroad through the university's Centre for International Experience, he realized that few universities in Europe have free-standing criminology undergraduate degrees, and those that do almost always locate such programs within a law school, in contrast with U of T. However, he says, students should not be deterred (and in any case, criminology majors all take criminal law as well as social science courses, so they're not unprepared for European-style criminology). At Manchester he particularly enjoyed the course on organized crime, stating that "it challenged my preconceptions about organized crime as a small group of powerful

organized entities". He also took a course on counterterrorism, and enjoyed the regular small-group presentations and debates that were part of the course.

The workload in England, Etienne says, is lower than here, since for a B.A., students only take three courses at a time for a three-year period, and the courses are not more demanding than our courses here. But he warns that courses often have evaluations with a 100% exam or essay, something that our undergraduates are not used to.

Etienne obtained First Class Honours in all his Manchester courses, and was asked to serve as assistant editor of the university's Review of Law, Crime, and Ethics. With these experiences, and with his excellent record as a Political Science and Criminology double

major, he is well placed to pursue his current immediate goal: admission to law school. While he is casting his net wide, McGill is his first choice not only because of its bilingualism but because it has the country's only 'bijuridical' law degree – that is, students can study both civil law and common law at the same time.



Etienne Farmer Lacombe

CRIMSA: The Undergraduate Students' Association

CRIMSA, the undergraduate criminology students' association, is, as always, very active. A big news item this fall is that, working with Centre faculty, CRIMSA has created the University's first-ever journal devoted to publishing the work of undergraduate students. This is a wonderful new venture.

In addition, the CRIMSA leaders are planning to host an academic seminar and a social in the latter half of November, though details have not yet been confirmed. They are also working with the Centre to host a seminar for first year criminology students on how to research for papers and use library resources effectively. This would be held at the Centre's library and would be in preparation for the term paper students have to write for the introduction to criminology course.

On a more practical note, CRIMSA will also be selling "CRIMSA gear" in November, for a second year. This will consist of Criminology sweaters and possibly winter toques or scarves with the CRIMSA logo.

In addition, CRIMSA had a table at ASSU Day on October 30th (located in the lobby of Sid Smith). This was the day for course unions to advertise, sign up students, and meet new students.

Director Kelly Hannah Moffat is in regular contact with CRIMSA, and looks forward to working with them to continue to improve undergraduate students' experiences and research opportunities.

Hold the Date!

Edwards Lecture to be given by Emeritus Prof. Tony Doob

"Losing our balance: Old and New Directions in Canadian Criminal Justice Policy"

Thursday February 6th, 2014 at 4:30pm

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