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Announcement

From January to April 2016, Centre Director, Kelly Hannah-Moffat, will be the Interim Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean at the University of Toronto Mississauga. Mariana Valverde, who has been Centre Director from October 2007 to June 2013, has accepted the position of Acting Director.

In addition, from late October, Kelly has been serving as Advisor to the Provost and Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity, on Sexual Violence and Crisis Services. This appointment is also until April 2016. In this role, Kelly will review and make recommendations regarding the structure and coordination of sexual violence services and crisis services at UofT.

The Centre is very proud that one of its first PhD graduates is serving the university in these challenging positions, responsible to multiple stakeholders.

Congratulations, Kelly,
and thank you, Mariana!



Kelly Hannah-Moffat

History of Criminal Justice



Speakers: Jim Phillips, Doug Hay, and John Beattie

October 25th, 2015

When the tables have to come out of the Ericson Room to fit all the people who have arrived to hear a speaker series session, you know it's going to be a good one. The criminal justice history roundtable presented by our own John Beattie and Jim Phillips, as well as Doug Hay (recently retired from Osgoode Hall and York U History) was a fascinating overview of the historical emergence of the modern forms of criminal justice in England and Canada, followed by a great Q & A discussion and a wine and cheese reception.

John Beattie identified that what we think of as the foundational aspects of a 'modern trial' were only established in via common law in the 18th century (for example: the notion that accused persons are 'innocent until proven guilty', that they should have defence lawyers, that the defence lawyers should be able to address juries directly, or even that prisoners had rights).

Doug Hay described Canadian criminal law as "distinctive" from the criminal law in England, pointed to the divergent development of our provincial judiciary from the English Magistrate tradition in the 19th century. He also discussed the relationship between legal procedures, fees, and the "explosion" of the legal profession.

Jim Phillips continued on the theme of Canada's divergence from the English tradition when he described the 19th century system of public prosecutions in Canada (vs. private prosecution in England), which had both economic and state-building rationales.

The panel served to remind students and Toronto-based scholars that we are very fortunate that some of the world's best legal and criminal justice historians, including the most renowned historians of British 18th century justice, live and work here, and are frequent participants in the Centre's activities.

PhD and MA Grads

Congratulations



In July, **Natasha Sam Madon**, successfully defended her dissertation titled “Intersections of Youths’ Perceptions: Youths’ Perceptions of Their Treatment by the Criminal Justice System and Other Social Institutions” and was granted her PhD.

In August 2015, Natasha took up a Postdoctorate research fellowship at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia. She is currently doing work in the area of procedural justice, with a focus on minority group members’ perceptions of the police in Australia.

2014-2015 MA Graduates

On November 9th, the 2014-2015 Master’s students celebrated their convocation and were toasted with a Centre reception. MA student **Andrea Sterling** was awarded the 2015 John Ll. J. Edwards Award, given each year to the student with the most outstanding performance. Professor Matthew Light highlighted her overall commitment to her studies, as well as her research in the area of sex work governance.



Also in attendance were MA graduates **Samantha Aeby**, **Grace Tran**, and **Jennifer Peters** — who have continued their academic journey with us, beginning their doctoral studies at the Centre this year.

(Left to right): Alexandra Di Blasio, Grace Tran, Alexandra Hemphill, Jennifer Peters, Samantha Aeby, Amy Chandler

New PhD Students

This year we welcomed 8 new students to our PhD program.

After beginning a BA at the University of Guelph, **Samantha Aeby** got itchy feet and took a few years to travel and work. Hearing the siren call of university once again, she completed her BA in Sociology at Ryerson University. Her interests led her to an MA at the Centre. Identifying herself as closer to the criminological end of the spectrum, rather than the sociolegal, her doctoral research is on offender desistance. Sam will be working with Dr. Scot Wortley and Dr. Kelly Hannah-Moffatt to examine the tools and programs that allow offenders to end their criminal involvement.

Sam is particularly enthusiastic about the chance to participate in the Centre's Criminological Highlights with Professor Emeritus Tony Doob and Dr. Rosemary Gartner. This project, initiated in 1997, is designed to provide an accessible look at recently published, policy-relevant criminological research. (Policy guided by research? What an idea!)

Adam Ellis is not new to the field of criminology. With an MA in Immigration and Settlement from Ryerson University, he has worked on several research projects focusing on mental health and the law, including topics on gang violence, organized crime and refugee determination. He has provided consultancy on mental health and criminal justice-related issues with a variety of public and private institutions including the United Nations, At Home Chez Sois Project, the Provincial/Federal Courts, the Ontario Review Board, and community organizations interphasing between mental health and justice.

At the Centre, Adam will be continuing his research on trauma, PTSD and gang violence under the supervision of Dr. Scot Wortley.

Giancarlo Fiorella was born in Venezuela, and though he came to Canada in 1997, his place of origin has remained an important influence on his studies. He completed a BA in Criminology and MA in Sociolegal Studies at York University, where his final project looked at police reform and nation-building in Venezuela.

After a protest movement shook his home country in 2014, Giancarlo decided to focus his doctoral studies on protest tactics, such as the use of barricades to block traffic, and the response to these actions by pro-government armed groups. His research, under the guidance of our newest Centre faculty member Dr. Beatrice Jauregui, will examine how these actions shaped and became targets of understandings of Venezuelan law and citizenship.

Jihyun Kwon came to Canada from Daeegu, South Korea in 2005. She completed a BA in Sociology at McGill University in Montreal, before coming to Toronto. As an MA student at the Centre, she worked with Dr. Scot Wortley and Dr. Kelly Hannah-Moffatt on issues around penal boundaries and other punishment-related topics. In recognition of her work, Jihyun was awarded the Centre's John L. J. Edwards



Some of our new PhD students (left to right): Samantha Aeby, Giancarlo Fiorella, Serdar San

Award 2014, presented to the MA student with the most outstanding overall performance.

Returning as a doctoral student, Jihyun will continue her work with Scot and Kelly, focussing on the perception of Ontario police complaints systems. She does so through the assistance of an Ontario Trillium Scholarship, awarded to the top doctoral students from around the world studying in our province. Congratulations, Jihyun!

Erick Laming comes to us from the chocolate capital of Canada: Smiths Falls, Ontario. He completed a BA in Law and MA in Legal Studies at Carleton University. Erick's thesis was completed in collaboration with the Ottawa Police Service, assessing and facilitating the development of new Taser policy.

His doctoral research, under the supervision of Centre faculty Dr. Scot Wortley, involves analyzing police use of force incidents in Ontario from the Special Investigations Unit from 1990 to the present. He hopes to understand what changes have occurred throughout this period, as well as to see if, and in what ways, police policies have impacted trends and patterns in use of force incidents.

Jennifer Peters completed her BA in Legal Studies at the University of Waterloo, and her MA right here at the Centre. While at Waterloo, Jenn acted as research assistant on a project looking into the roles of state and non-state actors in Toronto's Early Intervention Domestic Violence Courts.

For her doctoral research, she will be working with Dr. Phil Goodman, Department of Sociology, who is cross-appointed with the Centre. With interests in postcolonial studies, feminist theory, and policing, Jenn's project will examine the policing of white motorcycle clubs in white settler nations with a focus on race and masculinity.

Serdar San completed his undergraduate degree at the Turkish National Police Academy. After graduating as a Deputy Inspector, he worked in different units of the Turkish National Police mainly on terrorism, counterterrorism and international security co-operation issues. Funded by a Turkish government scholarship, he obtained his MA in Criminology from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in 2015. His thesis was a comparative analysis of counterterrorism policy in Turkey and Canada, focussing on law enforcement strategies and their effectiveness.

Under the supervision of Centre faculty Dr. Matthew Light, Serdar plans a comparative study of community policing and its role in combatting “homegrown” terrorism in Turkey and Canada. He hopes to use his research and teaching to improve policing in Turkey and around the world.

New MA Students

This is one of the Centre’s largest and academically strongest MA cohorts in recent years, with some 24 new master’s students arriving this fall. The group is unusually diverse in both its interests and its geographic origins as well, thanks in part to improved support from the university for graduate financial aid, which has allowed us to step up our recruitment game. We have been joined by several MA students from the Atlantic, the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia, and even Albania. We are particularly pleased that two of our incoming students, Shan-e-Fatima Vazir and Kaleigh Scott hold the prestigious SSHRC master’s awards. Shan-e-Fatima, who received her bachelor’s degree from Ryerson University with a better than 4.0 grade-point average, told us, “I chose to pursue a master’s degree at University of Toronto in order to achieve both my personal and professional goals ... I wanted to broaden my knowledge of the field and continue challenging myself as a student. I knew that I would like to build on my research skills, practice more significant academic writing, and hopefully prepare myself for doctoral studies, in an environment where I would be surrounded by individuals who shared a similar passion for learning as I did”. Shan-e-Fatima also

Grace Tran is a University of Toronto student through-and-through. After completing her Honours BA in Criminology and English Literature Studies here, she went on to her MA at the Centre, and now she’s back for her PhD! In 2014, Grace was the recipient of the University of Toronto Excellence Award (UTEA), funded by the Vice President of Research and Innovation.

Grace’s research interests include marriage migration (with a particular emphasis on marriage fraud and transnational brides), the legal regulation of morality and sexuality, the intersection between literary and legal discourse, and the socio-legal governance of public and private spaces. She plans to complete her project under the supervision of Dr. Mariana Valverde.

said that “the possibility that I could attend a program that many of my undergraduate professors had graduated from, and learn from the same professors whose opinions, articles, and works I read during my undergraduate studies, was an exciting opportunity that I did not want to pass up.”

Kaleigh Scott, who recently graduated from Dalhousie, told us, “I am beginning my MA studies in Criminology this coming fall at the University of Toronto with a focus on how the social context of women’s lived experience plays a pivotal role in their rehabilitation within Canada’s federal corrections. The research conducted for my undergraduate thesis at Dalhousie University explored the intersection of law, power and race in the overrepresentation of indigenous women within maximum security facilities through the discussion of security classification techniques and segregation policies.” Kaleigh has also volunteered extensively with the Elizabeth Frye Society. We are looking forward to working with these and the other fine members of our incoming master’s class.

Ericson Essay Award

This year the Ericson award for the best graduate student essay was given to two essays. One was **Valentin Pereda’s** paper “Damned if you do, damned if you don’t: self-defeating organized crime violence in Michoacan.” The other was **Jacqueline Briggs’** paper “‘Indians’ on trial: legal aid and interference in R. v. Jonathan, 1948”.

The prize, named after our late colleague Richard V. Ericson, recognizes student writing that is original either theoretically or empirically. Although they involve vastly different approaches and address very different subject matter, the papers were deemed to be excellent examples of the high quality work that is consistently produced by the Centre’s doctoral students. Both papers are being submitted to scholarly journals.

Student Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the recent achievements of our PhD students:

Jacqueline Briggs presented her paper “[P]urely an act of grace”: Legal aid and interference in the 1948 murder trial of Maynard Jonathan” at the Osgoode Society Legal History Workshop in November, 2015.

Brenna Keatinge published an article with Deborah G. Martin in the leading scholarly journal *Urban Studies* (Feb 2015): “A ‘Bedford Falls’ kind of place: Neighbourhood branding and commercial revitalisation in processes of gentrification in Toronto, Ontario.”

Erick Laming delivered a paper at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in November titled: “The Expansion of Taser Use in Ontario, Canada: Pacification and Policy Development.”

Valentin Pereda presented his paper “Organizational Deviance and Organized Crime Violence in Mexico” at two international conferences in September: the 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Sicily, Italy and the 15th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology in Porto, Portugal.

Centre Tenure Track Faculty News

Prof. Emeritus **Tony Doob**: On 15 November 2015, at a meeting in Haifa (Israel) at which members of (retired) Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dornier's committee on sentencing discussed their recently released report, Tony Doob gave the opening talk on "The Effect of Imprisonment on Crime".

Rosemary Gartner collaborated with former Centre junior fellow **Carolyn Yule**, now a professor at Guelph, in an article: C. Yule, P-P. Paré, and R. Gartner. "An examination of the local life circumstances of female offenders: Mothering, illegal earnings, and drug use." *British Journal of Criminology*, 2015, 55: 248-269.

Bea Jauregui is returning after a year's maternity leave, and will be teaching a new graduate course in qualitative methods. She has two recent publications:

- "Just war: the metaphysics of police vigilantism in Northern India", in *Conflict and Society* 1 (2015), 41-59,
- "World fitness: the US army family and the positive science of persistent war" in *Public Culture* 27 (4), 449-485.

Matthew Light has a book being published by Routledge in March 2016, *Fragile migration rights: freedom of movement in post-Soviet Russia*.

Mariana Valverde, Acting Director of the Centre as of January 1, has been invited by the government of France to be a visiting scholar, for the month of May 2016, at the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales*. She will lead seminars in classes taught by Bernard Harcourt and Liora Israel, give a public lecture under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice, and participate in a legal geography workshop.

In addition, **Rosemary Gartner** and **Scot Wortley** are both involved in the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership (NCRP) headed by David Hulchanski from Social Work. Rosemary is leading a sub-project called "Neighbourhood change and the spatial distribution of violence", while Scot Wortley, along with Rosemary and with PhD student **Julius Haag** are members of the NCRP's working group on urban youth, schooling, and criminalization. This group examines how increasing socio-spatial inequality, polarization and segregation are creating an uneven terrain of opportunities and risk for youth in Toronto neighbourhoods.

Centre Part-Time Faculty

Marie Comiskey first joined the Centre as a visiting doctoral student in August 2009. During her time at the Centre, she recruited over 300 people to participate in her jury simulation which she ran in the Ericson Room. Marie completed her doctorate through the University of Michigan in May of 2013. After a chance conversation with the then Director, Professor Mariana Valverde, about the idea of teaching criminal law through the lens of wrongful convictions, Marie designed the '**Preventing Wrongful Convictions**' seminar that has now been taught for the past three years at the Centre. The graduate seminar focuses on the tragic errors that can occur at each stage of the criminal prosecution process (investigation, prosecution, and trial) and uses the wildly popular Serial podcast in addition to a traditional textbook as a vehicle through which to focus class discussion on factors contributing to wrongful convictions.



This year, Dr. **Kerry Taylor** is teaching two courses at the Centre: '**Human Rights & Security**' in the fall, and graduate '**Penology**' in the winter. She also teaches in the Academic Bridging Program and Woodsworth One Program at Woodsworth College. Kerry's doctoral thesis at Osgoode Hall Law School related to the cultural paradoxes arising from legal regulation of the body. She has ongoing interests in using socio-legal methods and theories to study and teach in the areas of bioethics, human rights and social and environmental justice and Indigenous legal traditions.



Hon. Justice David Cole has taught the graduate course on '**Sentencing**' for many years, and has long helped students and faculty to gain access to courts for research purposes, as well as being very actively involved in Centre activities. Justice Cole practiced as criminal defence counsel for sixteen years and was named to the bench of the Ontario Court of Justice in March 1991. He was seconded to act as Co-Chair of the **Commission on Systemic Racism in the Ontario Criminal Justice System** (1992-1995).

Justice Cole is co-author of *Release from Imprisonment: The Law of Sentencing, Parole and Judicial Review* (1991) and *Making Sense of Sentencing* (1999).

HOLD THE DATE:

Edwards Lecture to be held on April 8th, 2016



Are we there yet? The future of penal reform and the carceral state in the US.

The 2015-16 Edwards lecture will be delivered by eminent political scientist **Marie Gottschalk**, Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Her latest book is Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics (Princeton University Press, 2014). She is also the author of The Prison and the Gallows: The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America (Cambridge University Press, 2006), which won the 2007 Ellis W. Hawley Prize from the Organization of American Historians, and The Shadow Welfare State: Labor, Business, and the Politics of Health Care in the United States (Cornell University Press, 2000). She served on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences National Task Force on Mass Incarceration and was a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Causes and Consequences of High Rates of Incarceration.

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, with reception to follow. Place: TBA.

The State Of Urban Ethnography: A Roundtable Discussion



Speakers: Sandra Bucerius (University of Alberta), Randol Contreras (UTM Sociology), and Jooyoung Lee (St George Sociology)

Moderator: Bea Jauregui (Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies)

Friday January 15, 2016

3:30pm to 5:30pm

**Rm 160 Canadiana Gallery Building,
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The workshop will be followed by a reception.

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