



## *A note from the director:*

Despite the pandemic, Criminal Justice Studies' majors continued to excel in their academic work, embrace their capstone internships, participate in lectures, and listen to the experiences of alumni. Please take a moment to read through highlights from the Program over this past year. Looking forward to sharing information on your accomplishments in 2022.

## **CJ SAYS GOODBYE TO LONGTIME STAFF**

### **Spotlight on Mrs. Marian Arnold:**

- *How long did you work for Criminal Justice?*  
I worked in CJ for 15 years.
- *What led you to stay here until your retirement?*  
The different aspects of this job, from day-to-day office responsibilities to coordinating events.
- *What was your most memorable experience working with the program?* The Alumni Panel, to see so many Alums give of their time and encouraging students.
- *Now that you have been retired, what do you miss the most about being in the office?* I miss seeing the students, coworkers, and other staff.
- *What has been your favorite part of retirement?*  
Flexibility to do more with family and friends.
- *What do you want the program to remember about you?* Hopefully my work ethic, and ability to get along with all the students, faculty, and staff in different offices.



### **Spotlight on Mr. Ned Phares:**

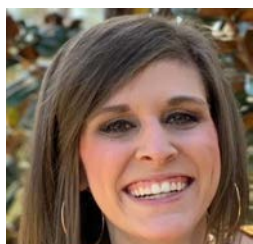


- *How long did you work for Criminal Justice?*  
27 years.
- *What led you to stay here until your retirement?*  
I was taken under Dr. Talarico's wing when she was Program Director. She impressed upon me that I was meant to be here. I also really enjoyed advising.
- *What was your most memorable experience working with the program?* Visiting death row on a field trip to the Jackson Diagnostic and Classification Center.
- *Now that you have been retired, what do you miss the most about being in the office?*  
I miss the people, structure, and the variations on a theme of working with each student on their program of study.
- *What do you want the program to remember about you?* That I was honest and did my job...and I had the knowledge base to help students make good decisions.

## CJ SAYS HELLO TO OUR NEW STAFF

### Spotlight on Mrs. Lindsay Dickerson:

- *How long have you worked for the University of Georgia?* Five Years
- *How did your career path lead you to advising in Criminal Justice?* I graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and worked as a felony probation/parole officer for four years. Working with felony drug courts showed me that I had a true desire to help others. When I had to leave the field of law enforcement due to my health, I wanted to find a career where I could do just that, and advising fulfilled that need.
- *Where and in which field what did you get your degree(s)?* Criminal Justice and Sociology, UGA, 2012.
- *What is your favorite part of working in the Criminal Justice Program?* Working with students who completed the same program and have the same goals that I did. I love talking with young, motivated, bright Criminal Justice students who are eager to change the field of CJ. I have now worked with 85% of UGA majors, and I have to say this is the absolute best student population to work with :)
- *What do you hope to bring to the Criminal Justice Program during your tenure here?* I hope that students know they have someone who cares in their corner. Advising isn't just handing over a plan of study in DegreeWorks. We can chat about classes or something serious in your life – your advisor is always here for you. College and life in general is hard and I hope my students know that I always care.
- *What else would you like our students to know about you?* I have had a large number of organs removed from my body but still kick it with a bag of food through an IV food to operate. Music is my true obsession – if you want to get me going, let's sit down and talk your favorite artists and songs or let me critique your Spotify.



### Spotlight on Ms. Heather Woodard Roberts:

- *How long have you worked for the University of Georgia?* I have worked for UGA since 2004.
- *How did your career path lead you to advising in Criminal Justice?* I spent thirteen years working in Political Science in various roles and was ultimately a Program Coordinator before moving to the College of Education to work as a PC there as well. My goal has always been to work with students; however, my brain craves numbers and organizational positions, therefore I tend to always fall into that role within departments.
- *Where and in which field what did you get your degree(s)?* I got a BBA in Economics from Terry and my Master's in Public Administration at UGA. I love economics, so if you want to geek out and talk about the free market with me, feel free to stop by my office.
- *What is your favorite part of working in the Criminal Justice Program?* My favorite part of working in Criminal Justice is working for a program built by one of the best people I have ever met, Dr. Susette Talarico. She was truly an angel on earth and I consider it an honor to help continue this part of her legacy.
- *What do you hope to bring to the Criminal Justice Program during your tenure here?* I have always been good at making order out of chaos, so I hope to help make the transition from losing our longtime staff of Mr. Phares and Ms. Arnold as smooth as possible. Thankfully I've been at UGA long enough to know how to maneuver within the system.
- *What else would you like our students to know about you?* I love to travel, and I love live music! I have met all of my favorite musicians including Matty Healy from The 1975 and Stephan Jenkins from Third Eye Blind. I'm missing John Rzeznick from the Goo Goo Dolls (showing my age!) but I'm still holding out hope!



# 2021 TALARICO LECTURER: BRIAN WILLIAMS



Each spring, Criminal Justice Studies sponsors the Susette Talarico lecture. With support from the Talarico fund and the CJ Society, this speaker series brings practitioners and scholars to campus to discuss current issues in the criminal justice system. On March 16, 2021, Dr. Brian Williams presented an inspiring, interactive lesson to over 140 attendees on his forthcoming book, *Race, Policing, and Public Governance: Obstacles and Opportunities on the Other Side of Now.* Dr. Williams is an associate professor of public policy in the Batten School at the University of Virginia. He is also the author of *Citizen Perspectives on Community Policing: A Case Study in Athens, GA.* Dr. Williams serves as the founder and director of the Public Engagement in Governance Looking, Listening and Learning Laboratory at UVA. And, we are also proud to note that Dr. Williams earned his PhD at the University of Georgia with Dr. Talarico as his major professor!



# Susette Talarico Service Awards

## 2021 Winner

**Delaney Burke** earned her bachelor's degree in 2021 with a double major in International Affairs and Criminal Justice, and a minor in Sociology. Ms. Burke is currently enrolled in the UGA Master's in Public Administration program.



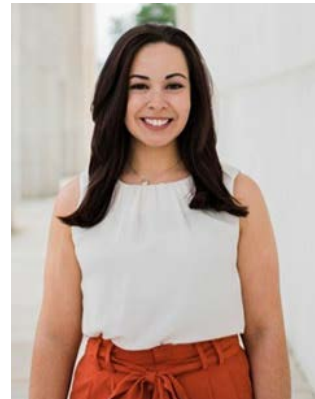
## 2021 Winner

**Allison Victoria Reid** earned her bachelor's degree in 2021 triple majoring in International Affairs, Sociology, and Criminal Justice with a minor in Portuguese. Ms. Reid will be attending UGA Law School in fall 2021.



## 2020 Winner

**Madison Helmick** earned her bachelor's degree in May 2020 with a Criminal Justice, and a double minor in Political Science and German. Ms. Helmick is currently working as a Recruiting Associate at Barbaricum in Washington, DC.



## 2020 Winner

**Jessica Meaders** earned her bachelor's degree in 2020 with a double major in International Affairs and Criminal Justice, and a minor in Sociology. Ms. Meaders did her internship with the FBI and is currently at boot camp with the US Coast Guard!



The **Susette Talarico Service Leadership Award** is given to students who have strong records of service to the community and on campus. Dr. Talarico served as director of the Criminal Justice Studies program for over two decades; she was also the Albert Berry Saye Professor of American Government and Constitutional Law and was awarded the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Professorship for excellence in teaching.

## JOIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY!



In 2020-2021, the Criminal Justice Society has pursued many different outlets within the Criminal Justice field. They held bi-weekly meetings with professionals practicing various careers. Some of these professionals include: GBI Special Agent in Charge Jesse Maddox from the regional Athens office, Joe Smarro, a former police officer that now trains other police officers in mental health procedures, Athens Coroner Sonny Wilson, Special Agent Steve Lewis of Homeland Security, and Ken Mauldin, former District Attorney in Athens.

The goal for these meetings is to put the members in contact with different professionals in the field of Criminal Justice to further the member's outreach in a desired field. Aside from the meetings, they also hosted many activities such as volunteering at Project Safe's thrift shop and a field trip to the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta. The objective as a society is to give CJS members first-hand experience in all fields of Criminal Justice and give them the opportunity to make connections with professionals in their field of study.

We'd love to have you join the Criminal Justice Society! Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Pinnacle Room in Baldwin Hall. For more information, please feel free to contact our president, Brinson Raley, [Brinson.ralej@uga.edu](mailto:Brinson.ralej@uga.edu).

### **Criminal Justice Society Officers**

Brinson Raley: President

Alice Culpepper: Vice president of Community Service

Kyle Venit: Administrative Assistant

Olivia Little: Vice President of Speakers

Tanna Irvin: Vice President of Field Trips

Saba Alemayehu: Vice President of Communications



# OUR ALUMNI: THIS COULD BE YOU!

## SAMANTHA CADET

Ms. Cadet was a double major in Criminal Justice and International Affairs and graduated from UGA in 2015. During her time in Criminal Justice, she participated in the Washington Semester Program and interned at the US Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of International Affairs. Upon graduation, she joined the UGA Office of Government Relations in Washington DC, first as an Operations Manager and Federal Government Relations Assistant and then as the Assistant Director of Federal Relations.

Ms. Cadet has recently accepted a position with RAINN, serving as the Director of Federal Affairs, Appropriations, and National Coalitions. RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network) is the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the nation. Congratulations, Samantha! They are fortunate to have you joining their team at RAINN.



## HARRISON DANIEL

Mr. Daniel received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2004 and his Master's in Public Administration in 2018, both from the University of Georgia. While attending the MPA program, he also began his 17-year career with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department. Harrison held the positions of Police Detective, Police Sergeant, and Lieutenant.

As announced in the *Athens Banner Herald* in June 2021, Athens-Clarke Police Chief Cleveland Spruill has appointed Harrison Daniel to serve as one of the department's three deputy chiefs in Athens-Clarke County. Congratulations, Harrison! Thank you for your dedication to the Athens-Clarke County community!

