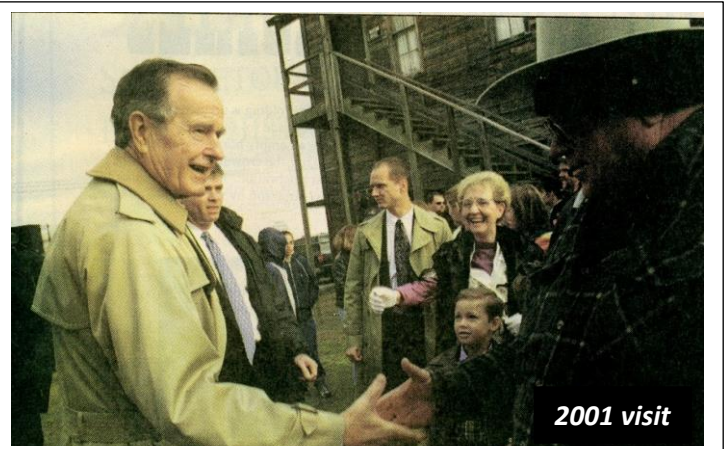




Lamar Criminal Justice Newsletter



CJ Faculty Provide Training to Police Administrators at LIT

Lamar Criminal Justice Faculty members provided training for law enforcement personnel on December 6, 2018 at the Lamar Institute of Technology. Professor Jim Mann coordinated with Rod Carroll, Chief of Vidor Police Department, to offer four hours of training for law enforcement personnel related to Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice Management and Interpersonal Communication.

Dr. Robert M. Worley gave the opening remarks followed by a presentation by Dr. Vidisha Barua Worley titled, *Religion and the Law Enforcement Workplace: How Criminal Justice Administrators can Create a Culture of Tolerance and Inclusion (While Complying with the Law)*. Her presentation focused on how to avoid the establishment of religion and allow the free exercise of religion at the law enforcement workplace in light of court cases. While emphasizing the need to create a culture of tolerance and inclusion by embracing diversity, Dr. Worley called for a workplace free of racial, sexual, and religious harassment.

Dr. Jim Mann lectured on interpersonal communications and groupthink. Specifically, Dr. Mann discussed how leaders can use active listening skills and present appropriate nonverbal communication that aligns with their verbal messages. Additionally, he demonstrated how to

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Greetings from the CJ Director



Dr. Robert Michael Worley

Hello, friends! The year, 2018, was fantastic for the Division of Criminal Justice at Lamar University. First, I would like to offer a hearty congratulations to Dr. Vidisha Worley, who did an excellent job serving as the lead editor for *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* (ABC-Clio, releases on December 31, 2018). This is a two-volume anthology that features contributions from some of the leading scholars in corrections research. Many faculty members from Lamar University also contributed to this work.

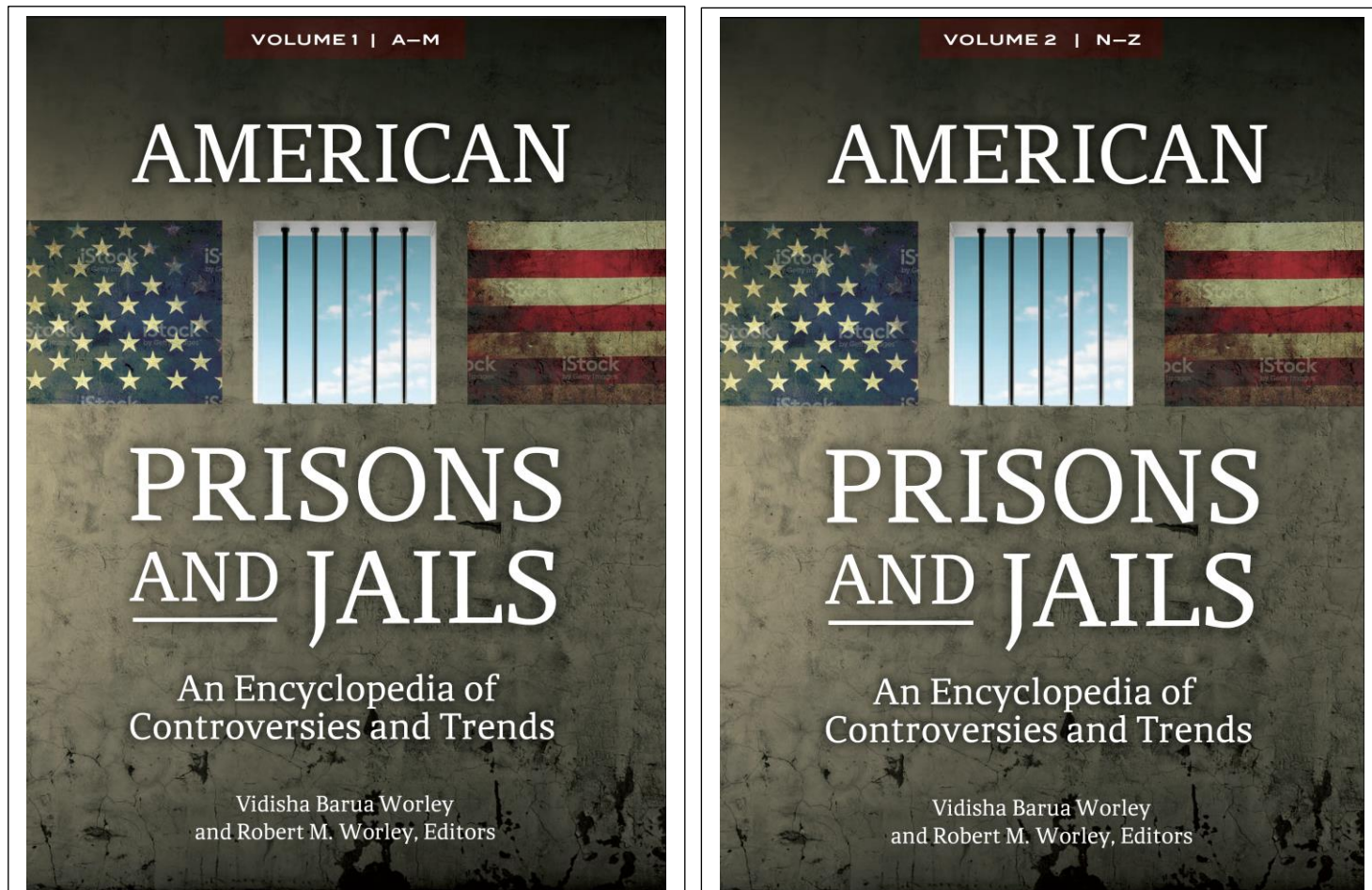
The Division of Criminal Justice continues to offer interesting and exciting courses for our students. Last Fall, Dr. Jim Mann re-developed and delivered a face-to-face class titled, *Interpersonal Effectiveness*. There was a pressing need for this course, given that many of our students are interested in pursuing law enforcement careers—a field where it is essential for them to be able to communicate effectively. Ms. Karen Roebuck is currently developing a new class titled, *The Criminalization of Mental Illness*, which also fills an important need for our students—many of whom may interact with persons in crisis at some point in their careers.

Dr. Lucy Tsado will be teaching a new course titled, *Cybersecurity*, in the Spring of 2019. We are optimistic that students in Criminal Justice, as well as Computer Science, will benefit from this new class. Finally, Dr. Sanaz Alasti continues to teach her *Legal Research* course, which is extremely useful for our students who plan to attend law school.

Mr. Mark Broome also did an outstanding job of teaching *Practicum in Policing*, last summer. This course provided a unique opportunity for our students to interact with Beaumont Police officers. I had the privilege of attending two of these class sessions and found them to be very informative. Two of our students who enrolled in this class were even able to secure jobs as police officers with the Beaumont PD. This is a win-win for Lamar University, our students, and the City of Beaumont!

Everyday criminal justice is becoming more of an international discipline. Given this, it is important for criminologists to be familiar with crime trends, not only in the U.S., but throughout the world. In order to provide our students with a global perspective, Dr. Cheng-Hsien Lin, along with Dr. Chiung-Fang Chang, and myself, are preparing to take students on a Study Abroad Trip to Taiwan and South Korea this summer of 2019. There is still room available for students who are interested in taking this course. This trip can count as up to nine hours of credit and is available to all students (including non-criminal justice majors, online, and graduate students). We are looking forward to an amazing educational experience abroad!

The year, 2018, was amazing, and we have much to be proud of. We have about 550 criminal justice students, and our online Master's program continues to grow every day. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive 2019!



Worleys' Prisons Encyclopedia Releases on New Year's Eve

After two years of hard work, Drs. Vidisha and Robert Worley are happy to announce the release of their co-edited work, *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends*. Besides the editors who have contributed several entries to the encyclopedia, 139 scholars across North America, including Lamar University professors Dr. Jim Mann, Dr. Jesus Garcia, Dr. Sanaz Alasti, and Dr Lucy Tsado have written articles for this 815-page two-volume set, which contains more than 340,000 words. This project took two years of concentrated effort and collaboration to complete. So far, six scholars have endorsed the Encyclopedia.

“An amazing compendium, *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* offers readers the opportunity to appreciate the vast scope of theory and research on prisons and jails in America. From accounts of solitary confinement, which occurred early in the American corrections landscape, to those of privatization, readers learn about marked continuities in approaches to and debates about how best to punish and to make society a safer place. The *Encyclopedia* will be an essential reference for scholars, students, and policymakers alike for years to come.”

Daniel P. Mears, Mark C. Stafford Professor of Criminology, Florida State University

“Worley and Worley’s *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* delivers on both its title and its subtitle, offering a scholarly look inside contemporary American jails and prisons while also tackling a host of controversial issues and ideas surrounding incarceration. In this way, it embodies the best of what an encyclopedia can be – a provocative blend of comprehensive coverage and critical insight – and in exploring the past and present of American incarceration suggests something of its future as well.”

Jeff Ferrell, author of *Drift: Illicit Mobility and Uncertain Knowledge*

“Corrections has been and will always be controversial. This collection of readings presents for both the novice and experienced students of criminology and criminal justice a succinct summary of issues facing correctional executives, staff, researchers and policy makers. The vast array of articles provides the reader with an appreciation of the historical development of corrections from the first correctional facility in Pennsylvania in the 1700s through recent efforts to downsize correctional populations and rethink prisoner reentry. The authors’ thoughtful discussion of United States Supreme Court decisions encapsulate the changing role of the federal government in regulating inmate civil rights. Corrections has become increasingly complex and the editors have done an excellent job of pulling together the best researchers in our field to summarize the ever-changing culture of prisons, probation and parole.”

W. Wesley Johnson, Ph. D., Professor, Criminal Justice, University of Southern Mississippi

“Vidisha Barua Worley and Robert M. Worley have compiled an outstanding *Encyclopedia of American Prisons and Jails*. They carefully document the wide range of issues, controversies and trends faced by these important institutions. The book makes important contributions that will inform both senior scholars and generalist readers. The breadth and depth of material covered is indeed impressive. The volumes promise to contribute to informed debates about policy and practice in corrections.”

Scott H. Decker, Foundation Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University

“I heartily recommend this edited two-volume encyclopedia of prison and jail topics to libraries, students, academics and practitioners desirous of a quick and comprehensive treatment and understanding of corrections in the United States. The expertise and knowledge of esteemed correctional scholars, practitioners and graduate students was marshalled by the editors to write the entries that cover a myriad of content areas on corrections; The in-depth entries span historic, topical, academic, legal and organizational subjects, with some coverage of corrections internationally as well. The reader will be hard put to name a correctional topic that is not contained and explicated in these well-written volumes.”

Mary K. Stohr, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Washington State University

“*American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* is a well-organized and clearly written overview of salient issues and developments in the field of corrections. The United States contains about a 5% of the world’s population but about 25% of the world’s inmates. Institutional corrections is a major dimension of the criminal justice system, requiring immense governmental resources – in the U.S., approximately \$80 billion dollars annually. Institutional corrections is an important and complex topic, and important information regarding it needs to be presented in a clear and concise manner. Drs. Vidisha Barua Worley and Robert Worley, Editors, have successfully accomplished this major task. Both editors are accomplished correctional researchers, resulting in the creation of a well-rounded and thorough encyclopedia. In addition, they have compiled information from a wide array of other expert contributors who also research prisons and/or jails, resulting in a comprehensive publication that significantly adds to the corrections literature. The entries in this encyclopedia not only cover the major areas and issues in corrections, but they are also well-written and packed with vital information. This publication is a must-read for correctional policymakers and practitioners, as well as students in the field of criminal justice. I highly recommend *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends*.”

Eric G. Lambert, Professor of Criminal Justice/University of Nevada, Reno

CJ Students Bag “Most Creative” Award at Homecoming Parade



Congratulations to our awesome criminal justice students for winning the Award for "Most Creative!" for participation in the Homecoming Parade!



Alpha Phi Sigma CJ Honor Society Spring 2018 Induction Ceremony

On May 3, 2018, Dr. Cheng-Hsien Lin organized the Lamar University Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society Induction. Congratulations to Jacob Aguilar, Carrie Breaux, Ricardo Cantu, Taylor Mayo, Tyler Martin, Brandon Payton, Madison Phillips, Katie Robertson, Amanda Rogers, Savannah Simon, Lauren-Bailey Sue Sullivan, and Zachary Wyble for being inducted into the Honor Society!!

Jefferson County Criminal District Judge John B. Stevens Jr. (below third from left) was the keynote speaker.



All about Students



Criminal Justice Faculty and Students had a great time on October 4th at Majors, Minors, and More!



Dr. Lucy Tsado organized an event inviting CJ Master's student Damon West to speak to undergraduate students at Lamar University on October 1. His lecture was titled, "Position Determines Perspective: The Criminal Justice System as Witnessed through the Eyes of an Ex-Con."

Lamar CJ Faculty Research Success



Dr. Sanaz Alasti presenting her paper titled, "Exploring Criminal Justice Reform at Home and Abroad," at the Southern Association of Criminal Justice, in Pensacola, Florida.



On February 21st, Dr. Robert Worley gave a talk with Dr. Jeffrey Forret of the History Department at President Evan's house titled, "Black Incarceration in American History," as part of the Cardinal Conversations lecture series.



The Lamar Criminal Justice Faculty showcased their books and their 2018 peer-reviewed publications at the First Annual Lamar University Research Expo!



**Dr. Robert Worley
and Dr. Jim Mann
at the Beaumont
Rotary Club
meeting with
Ms. Krista Melton,
Assistant Attorney
General of Texas.**



Tyler Martin, Summer 2018 CJ graduate, received the Otho Plummer Scholarship Award. Tyler graduated with a 4.0 GPA from the program. Tyler is currently conducting research with Provost James Marquart and Dr. Robert Worley on the history of gun laws in the United States. Good job, Tyler!!

STUDENT *** FOCUS**



New CJSA President, Iliana Banda, welcomed Mr. Mark Broome, Mrs. Karen Roebuck, and Garth House representative, Ms. Jennifer Luna to speak about opportunities for the Fall semester. The President of APK, Noel Perez, attended the meeting and spoke about the APK (Alpha Phi Kappa). Director of the Criminal Justice Program, Dr. Robert Worley, spoke at the meeting.

Leadership Training



From the Left: Dr. Robert Worley, Dr. Vidisha Worley, Police Chief Rod Carroll, and Dr. Jim Mann



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develop decision-making communication skills that avoid groupthink.

Mr. Mark Broome presented training material on conflict, power, and motivation. Specifically, he identified how the police subculture affects conflict, power, and motivation, as well as how each influences the other, and what leaders can do to use the right kind of power to reduce conflict and increase motivation at the law enforcement workplace.

Police Chief Rod Carroll made the concluding remarks.

Faculty- Student-Community Partnership



Spring and Fall 2018 Criminal Justice Advisory Board meetings bring Lamar criminal justice faculty and students close to the local community leaders as they exchange ideas for a meaningful partnership (Above). Criminal Justice faculty and students enjoying the spring air (below).



Happy Holidays!



Fun times at the Christmas party of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice on December 5th. All the faculty members cooked delicious dishes for the merry occasion!! *Pictures by Frank*