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By Dr. Michael Reichard

If you are a Criminology student or are considering becoming a Criminology student or just like to take Criminology classes, you should be using our web site. Unfortunately, many of our students are unaware of our web site and all it has to offer. In this article, I will highlight some of the features of our web site. A quick look at our home page appearing to the right will tell you a great deal about our features.

Our site includes a listing of all our degrees and our learning tracks along with their individualized course requirements. We have sections on our Internships, Directed Research, and Field Studies courses. We have a list of all textbooks, ISBN numbers included, for all of our classes. Our site includes descriptions of all our courses and biographies of all our instructors. Our site also includes our course schedules every semester, our articulation agreements, back issues of Criminal Justice Today and downloadable student manuals and orientation guides.

Announcements

New Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program Student Handbooks are now available

Criminal Justice Web Site

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Greetings to our readers:

Welcome to the third issue of the second volume of HCC's Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program newsletter, Criminal Justice Today. This is a collaborative effort of the faculty and students of our program and hopefully will have something of interest for everyone.

Dr. Michael T. Reichard, Editor and Program Manager

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Robert O'Neill, United States Attorney
Middle District of Florida

Jane Castor, Chief of Police
Tampa Police Department

Mark Ober, State Attorney
13th Judicial Circuit of Florida

Steven Ibison, Special Agent in Charge
Tampa Region, FBI

Rick Ramirez, Special Agent in Charge
Tampa Region, FDLE

Rocky Brancato, Director of Training
Hillsborough County Public Defender’s Office

Mary Holcomb, Warden
Hernando Correctional Institution, FDOC

Major Allan Hill, Training Division Commander
Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office

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A View From the Bench… Police Contacts with Citizens

By Judge Nick Nazaretian

The police can have contact with individuals here in Florida in 3 ways. It is important to determine which type of contact you have had when dealing with search and seizure issues.

The first type of contact the police can have with a citizen is called an encounter. There is no standard required for an encounter. An encounter would be when the police approach a citizen and make some general inquiries. The following would be examples: “Good morning, how are you, what is your name, what is your major here at the college”. The police have encounters everyday. On occasion the encounter may lead to the next type of police contact, the detention.

The second type of police contact is called the detention. This type of contact is also referred to as a "Terry " stop, a pat down, and a stop and frisk. This type of contact was created from the U.S. Supreme Court case Terry v. Ohio. This case stands for the proposition that the police need to have reasonable suspicion that a crime is happening, just happened, or is about to happen. This suspicion allows the police to detain individual(s) long enough to either support or reject their suspicion. The officer is allowed to take into consideration the totality of circumstances when analyzing whether there is reasonable suspicion or not to detain an individual. The police do not have to tell you that you are detained; their actions alone may indicate that. Some examples of determinations would be a traffic stop by the police, the police ordering an individual to do something or any act by the police, which would indicate to a reasonable person that they were not "free to leave". The significance of whether a police contact is an encounter versus a detention is important should the detention lead to contraband being found on the individual. Therefore, if the police lacked the proper reasonable suspicion to detain an individual, then all subsequent searches of the individual would be illegal and the contraband would be inadmissible.

The third contact the police can have with an individual is the arrest. The police need probable cause before they can legally arrest an individual. Should an arrest be made without probable cause, then any contraband found subsequent to the arrest would be deemed inadmissible. Like the detention, the police do not have to inform the individual that he or she is under arrest. The officer’s actions towards the individual may have caused him to be arrested. This can be true even if the officer never intended the individual to be arrested. An arrest also may occur when the officer detains the individual longer than necessary during a detention.

Criminal Judges face these questions and issues everyday in Court. These determinations help keep our society free from criminals while at the same time protecting innocent citizens from illegal government intrusion. I invite you to the court house to see your criminal justice system in action. You are welcome anytime.

Nick Nazaretian is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and is a Circuit Court Judge in Hillsborough County.

E.W.C. Visits the Criminal Justice Student Association

By Alex Craver

On November 16, 2011, the Criminal Justice Student Association invited Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC), Officer Jacob Ahlers and K9 Officer Wolf to make a presentation to our students on the daily events that take place while on their job. The two officers also brought a certified canine called Rockie from their agency. The mission of their visit was to educate the students leaning towards law enforcement on the role of their agency so that our students can widen interests. Just like any officer in our surrounding agencies, they are equivalent, sworn officers out in the field preserving their designated geographical areas and wildlife. Their jurisdiction is Statewide and they patrol anywhere from the land to the waterfront. The officers made us aware that they strictly enforce hunting laws from wildlife to marine life. The officers brought an additional guest - a few weeks old alligator! The experience of this presentation was an eye opener. Several members from the criminal justice student association were in attendance for the presentation and pictures of the officers, their K9, and the club were also taken. With the upmost gratitude, we thank the Florida Wildlife Commission for their appearance and their awesome presentation.

Alex Craver is a member of the Board of the Criminal Justice Student Association.
Professor David Goodman has been promoted to the rank of Captain by Tampa Police Department. He now will head the Strategic Investigations Bureau overseeing the department’s major drug and gang investigations. Captain Goodman will also command the Bicycle Rapid Response Team during the upcoming Republican National Convention.

David Goodman is an adjunct professor with the HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Our Courses - A Preview... Introduction to Research Methods

By Ms. Cindy Moore, M.A.

Introduction to Research Methods is a new course being offered for the first time during the Spring 2012 academic term. The primary goal of this course is for students to recognize and understand the basics of research structure in the disciplines of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Upon successful completion of this course, students will have an understanding of the social scientific approach to criminal justice inquiry which will include the fundamental concepts of ethics, research design, data collection, data analysis, and interpretation.

Why might a course like this be useful for HCC students in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies program? First, essential to the study of Criminology and Criminal Justice is the examination of the nature and extent of criminal and deviant behavior. An in-depth understanding of research methodology will introduce students to the ways in which academicians and administrators collect, report, and interpret data on criminal and deviant behavior. In addition, students will be introduced to the ways in which law enforcement and other social agencies evaluate programs.

As future leaders within professions of Criminology and Criminal Justice, our students will rely on research in making critical decisions, evaluating information and programs, and conducting research as part of their job responsibilities. Therefore, an understanding of how research is conducted and how results may be interpreted will lay a solid foundation for such research-based decisions and professional preparation. Moreover, for those students who plan to continue their education by pursuing a bachelors or graduate degree, an understanding of research methodology is an essential component to a curriculum. This course will provide continuing students a foundation in introductory research methodology and design, thus preparing them for the advanced research courses that will be encountered in the future. Lastly, students learn that many lifestyle decisions are also based on research. Therefore, the ability to critically analyze research as presented is essential in making informed, educated decisions.

Congratulations Prof. Goodman

In December 2011, Professor Nick Nazaretian, was appointed by the Governor to the Circuit Court Bench for the 13th Judicial Circuit. Professor Nazaretian had served as a County Court Judge for the Hillsborough County Court for the last 10 years before being promoted to a Circuit Court Judgeship.

Nick Nazaretian is an adjunct professor with the HCC Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice... New Internships

By Ms. Jada Bush, M.S.

The Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice represents Hillsborough County on criminal justice, substance abuse, certain mental health matters and public safety. It serves as the Board of County Commissioners liaison with the local criminal justice system. This includes entities such as the Sheriff and other law enforcement agencies, the Court, Public Defender, State Attorney, U.S. Attorney, Department of Corrections, and several public safety initiatives and task forces such as the Public Safety Coordinating Council, Juvenile Justice task force, and Hillsborough Prevention Collaborative.

The Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice applies for and manages criminal justice, substance abuse, mental health and public safety grants such as alternatives to incarceration, decriminalization of the mentally ill, drug treatment, offender re-entry and prevention activities. They are responsible for program development, criminal justice administration, grant management, and public safety initiatives.

An Internship with the Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice will provide an opportunity to gain knowledge of, and experience in, the local criminal justice system. The student will gain hands on experience and network with local criminal justice partners by attending task force meetings, trainings, touring and job shadowing at local detention facilities, ride-alongs, participating in gang and graffiti abatement techniques, and by observing and participating in the day to day functioning of the Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice. This internship will prepare students for a variety of career paths including but not limited to criminal justice administration, grant management, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health or substance abuse, criminology, or forensics.

For more information please contact Jada Bush at the Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice by phone at (813) 276-2549, or via email at bushj@hillsboroughcounty.org. You can also contact Ms. Bush through HCC hawknet at jbush16@hawkmail.hccfl.edu.

Jada Bush is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and works with the Hillsborough County Office of Criminal Justice.
Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program

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Reminder A.S. Programs now have an Advisor located at the YPST Building

“Poverty is the mother of crime.”
By: Marcus Aurelius

Criminal Justice part-time instructor from 1979-2002 at the University of the Virgin Islands. Mr. Williams taught as a

FITZROY WILLIAMS, M.A.
Fitzroy G. Williams, Sr. teaches for the Pasco County School District. He has previously served as a Child Protective Investigator with the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office, and a Senior Juvenile Detention Officer with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Prior to his moving to Florida from the United States Virgin Islands, he worked in the field of Law Enforcement for over 30 years. In 2002, he retired from the Virgin Islands Housing Authority Police as Chief. Mr. Williams graduated in 1978 with a Masters Degree in Criminology from Indiana State University. He is also a graduate from the FBI National Academy and the Delinquency Control Institute from the University of Southern California. Mr. Williams taught as a Criminal Justice part-time instructor from 1979-2002 at the University of the Virgin Islands. Mr. Williams taught Police Administration.

CJSA Participates in this year’s St. Jude Cancer Walk

By Laura Stephenson

On November 19, 2011, Criminal Justice students from Hillsborough Community College participated in the annual St. Jude Cancer Walk, which was held at the USF track field. Over 2,000 people from around the Tampa Bay area participated in this event. We arrived to be greeted by various vendors, music, and food. The members of the club browsed around the different vendor tents and snacked on some fruit to fuel us up for the walk. Prior to the walk, agencies and other organizations that took part in setting up this event were acknowledged. The walk consisted of 3 miles, which is equivalent to 12 laps, and all of the Criminal Justice Student Association members finished within a couple of hours. After all of the participants finished the walk, the top contributors were recognized for their generosity and donations. CJSA felt honored to be able to participate in the St. Jude cancer walk and support the event and its contributions.

Laura Stephenson is a member of the Board of the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Our Instructors... Profiles of your Faculty

Rex Curry, J.D.
Rex Curry is an attorney and is in private practice specializing in criminal law. He received an A.A. degree from Hillsborough Community College, a B.A. in Mass Communications from USF, and a J.D. degree from Florida State University with honors. At FSU he was a member of the Florida State University Law Review and, while at USF, he worked as a paid staff writer and columnist for the Oracle Newspaper. He is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and serves on the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is a former Law Clerk for United States District Judge Everett P. Anderson and served as an Assistant Public Defender and as a Certified Legal Intern with Florida Rural Legal Services. Mr. Curry is a sixth-generation Floridian whose predecessors settled Key West. Rex Curry teaches Presentation of Scientific Evidence and Civil Rights.
What’s Coming Up
Criminal Justice Program

Second Annual Great HCC Criminal Justice Teach-In
February 22 and 23
8:00am-8:00pm
Ybor City Campus
Public Service Technology Building
Room 314

What’s Going On
Our Fall 2011 Numbers

Total registered students by seat…2241
Total class sections offered…………………90
Total course titles offered…………………54
Total on-line courses offered……………24
Total full-time & part-time Faculty….38

Announcements

Congratulations to Paul Rocha elected President of the Criminal Justice Student Association

Our sympathies to Dr. Darwin Driggers on the death of his mother Hortense Driggers, who passed away on January 12, 2012, at 92
Ms. Cindy Moore will serve as a full time faculty member for this Spring 2012 semester

Advising Notes

Course Requirement Changes

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program regularly adds new courses to benefit our students. These new courses can be used to meet your graduation requirements. If your Advising Guide or Degree Audit does not reflect these new courses as counting toward your degree, you can ask your advisor to complete a Substitution Form to authorize their use.

Our Courses - A Preview...

Criminal Justice Field Studies

By Dr. Darwin Driggers

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies is offering for the first time a new course which counts as the Internship required for graduation. Criminal Justice Field Studies was designed last semester as a pilot course and internship and met with much success with its selected students. It will now be offered each semester to all students.

CCJ-2949 is designed for students who prefer to complete their required internship by visiting a variety of local city, county and federal agencies as opposed to completing the required 100 hours at one selected agency. The student in CCJ-2949 will be meeting with and interviewing various law enforcement officers with different agencies, capacities and rank; county and state court room personnel; probation officers (county, state or federal); local jail and state prison correctional officers; and other officials connected with the criminal justice system. In addition, the student will observe the county and state courts as well as the federal courts. The students will get the opportunity to interview staff from community programs that deal with drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and other rehabilitative efforts.

Students are self directed and prepare their own schedule. Students meet with Dr. Darwin Driggers every three weeks to discuss all essays prepared by the students and to ensure successful completion will be achieved at the end of the semester. When the student has completed a total of 100 assigned/prescribed "field hours", along with all needed paperwork and class sessions, the student will have earned 3 college credits.

One student remarked, "I learned so much in this Field Studies Class, so much more than in the classroom, and I made my own schedule...it was a lot of fun."

CCJ-2949 was intended to not only make the student more aware of the overall criminal justice system and how many agencies work closely together in its functioning, but to also make the student aware of the many possible employment opportunities locally.

Dr. Darwin Driggers is a senior adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and the Faculty Advisor for the Criminal Justice Student Association.

CJ News

Criminal Justice Student Shirts Available
Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program students can now purchase program based HCC logo polo shirts at the Ybor City Campus bookstore. The cost is $26.70 including tax. See our web site at: http://www.hccfl.edu/yc/cjt/for-students/cjt-store.aspx or contact the Ybor City Bookstore for more information.
Our Mission

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program is an undergraduate college program at Hillsborough Community College in which students can earn an Associate in Science Degree, an Associate in Applied Science Degree, a College Credit Certificate, as well as an Associate in Arts Degree in various Criminal Justice fields. Our graduates are preparing for careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation, the court system, and law.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program offers students a broad background in history, philosophy, organization, management and operation of the criminal justice system. This Program can be the start of a career in law enforcement, probation, corrections, crime scene and law.

Our Courses - A Preview… Criminal Court Litigation

By Kim Seace

Do you dream of becoming a homicide prosecutor one day? Or, do you secretly desire to become a criminal defense attorney defending the rights and liberties of the accused? Whether you secretly dream of the closing argument you would like to have given in the Casey Anthony murder trial or the O.J. Simpson murder trial (for those of you old enough to remember it) or you are just really interested in criminal trials, Criminal Court Litigation, C JL-2400, is a great course choice for you. This exciting new course involves a practical look and study of the Florida criminal trial process through direct observation and in-class mock trial exercises. You will get a behind the scenes look at both criminal prosecution and criminal defense.

In the classroom you will learn about the criminal court process from arrests to arraignment, bail, discovery, jury trials and sentencing. Students will meet at the courthouse once a month to personally observe criminal court in action. They will meet the Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, and Bailiffs responsible for making the Tampa criminal justice system work. A question and answer period will be offered to talk to those individuals.

Students will be given a homicide report to analyze and present to the class to learn firsthand about plea negotiations and sentencing. Instead of a written final exam, students will work together to present a mock trial to better understand opening statements, direct-examinations, cross-examinations, and closing arguments.

This “hands on” approach to Criminal Court Litigation is designed to be highly educational as well as highly entertaining.

Kim Seace is an Adjunct member of the faculty of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Program and a practicing criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor.