



# CONSORTIUM

## FOR UNDERGRADUATE LAW & JUSTICE PROGRAMS

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## Welcome

The 2016/2017 academic year saw tremendous growth in the Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs. Professors Jean Carmalt and Monica Williams joined the Board; we awarded an undergraduate paper award; and we continued to develop strong relationships with the Law and Society Association. 2017/2018 brings even more growth and change: this is the inaugural issue of the CULJPS Newsletter, and in it we welcome Carmalt and Williams, as well as Professor Sida Liu, who joined the board at the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester.

We have restructured leadership at the Consortium a bit, as well. While I still serve as President, Jinee Lokaneeta (Drew University) and Shannon Portillo (University of Kansas) serve as the Executive Committee. In her role as Communications Director, Shannon has brought KU student Frankie Hernandez on board; Frankie designed this newsletter, is cleaning up our email lists, and administers our web presence.

While much of this newsletter is a recap of the past year's work, it is also a call to contribute and participate – please consider writing a blog about

teaching and research, submitting job postings, and volunteering for professional development panels at the next LSA. As well, keep an eye out for details about a pre-conference workshop in Toronto this summer. On behalf of the Board, I hope this communication finds you well – and that your fall and winter are challenging, invigorating, and nourishing.

*-Renée Ann Cramer*

# Introducing our new Board Members



## **Monica Williams**

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Monica Williams is Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Faculty Advisor to the Community Engaged Leaders Community Research Team at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Her teaching and research focus on societal responses to sex offenders, law and social control, and policing. She takes a sociological approach to these issues, using both quantitative and qualitative methods to examine how community and societal contexts shape the implementation of law. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in sex crimes, law and society, policing, and statistics. She has articles published in *Criminology*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, and the *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Her book entitled, *The Sex Offender Housing Dilemma: Community Activism, Safety, and Social Justice*, will be published with NYU press in 2018.



## **Jean M. Connolly Carmalt**

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Dr. Carmalt's research and teaching focus on international law and society, with a particular interest in the right to health, UN human rights processes, and environmental disasters. Her work can be found in journals such as *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Progress in Human Geography*, and *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, as well as in edited volumes by Cambridge University Press, Routledge, and Oxford University Press.



## **Sida Liu**

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Sida Liu is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto and Faculty Fellow at the American Bar Foundation. He is an active faculty member in the Criminology, Law and Society (CLS) program at the University of Toronto Mississauga, one of the largest undergraduate law & justice programs in Canada. Dr. Liu's research interests focus on the legal profession and sociolegal theory. He has taught courses on several sociolegal topics, including the sociology of law, the legal profession, and research projects in criminology, law and society. Dr. Liu has provided many services to the law and society community over the years and served on the board of the Law & Society Association, the Asian Law & Society Association, and the Canadian Law & Society Association.

## **CUJLP Student Assistant**

Frankie Hernandez is a senior in the School of Public Affairs & Administration at the University of Kansas. He is triple majoring in Law & Society, Public Administration, and Political Science. In addition to serving as the Communications Assistant for CUJLP he is a Multicultural Scholar and Undergraduate Research Assistant on the Sociolegal Justice Project.

# Undergraduate Paper Award

The Consortium is proud to announce the winner of the Undergraduate Student Paper Award in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies for 2017: Marie MacCune. Ms MacCune's paper, "Studying the Father's Rights Movement in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Ms MacCune's paper was written as an honors thesis advised by Professor Lauren McCarthy at University of Massachusetts-Amherst. It offers a clear, passionate, and nuanced account of the father's rights movement. The awards committee appreciated the integrity that Ms brings to her representations of her research subjects' positions, and the nuanced theoretical work she does in mobilizing significant sociolegal themes.

Since graduating summa cum laud in 2017, Ms MacCune has worked with Legal Advocates of Massachusetts through Americorps. She is placed with the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee in Boston, where the staff represents clients facing abuse or discrimination because of their mental illness. She tells us that her work primarily focuses on prisoners' and students' rights under the larger umbrella of mental illness law. Ms MacCune plans to attend law school in fall, 2018.

# Professional Development Panels at LSA

CULJPS hosted three professional development panels at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in Mexico City this past June. In a fascinating panel on Involving Undergrads in Research organized by the CULJP, professors shared innovative ways of involving students in their research projects. Jennifer Carlson (University of Arizona) shared how in her course Policing in Society, she finds ways of introducing a policing in action project that involved students in interpreting data. Haley Duschinski, (Ohio University) recounted her experience of taking students to Northern Ireland as a part of her class on Human Rights, Law and Justice in Northern Ireland thanks to a partnership with a local group that has been transformative for the students of the Law, Justice and Culture program. Shannon Portillo (University of Kansas and Communications Director of the CULJP) shared her experience with the social justice legal project, which involves undergraduate in coding articles and in the spirit of transparent teaching and nested mentor practices explains to students why the assignments are important for the particular projects. Danielle Rudes, George Mason University and board member of CULJP, has an ongoing project where students are involved in studying solitary confinement and supermax security facilities focusing both on the inmates and staff which is both challenging and life changing for the students. Mary Nell Trautner, University at Buffalo, SUNY and board member CULJP involves her class in conducting detailed interview questionnaires after familiarizing them to the IRB process.

The second panel, "Surviving and Thriving on the Undergraduate-Focused Law and Society Job Market," featured comments from faculty and graduate students at a wide variety of institutions, offering perspectives on the job market and advice for job seekers. The extremely well-attended panel gave audience members a chance to ask questions of folks who frequently serve on hiring committees, like Renée Cramer (Drake University), Michael Yarbrough (City University of New York, John Jay College), Joanna Grisinger (Northwestern University), and Mark Miller (Clark University). Matt

Canfield, with a recent PhD from New York University (currently Max Weber Fellow at European University Institute), gave the valuable perspective of a recent job seeker. The conversation focused on gaining skills in talking about your teaching, how to tailor applications for undergrad-focused institutions, and how to maintain a sense of self and self-care while navigating the job seeking process.

Finally, a panel dedicated to Global Legal Studies included Eve Darian-Smith (University of California at Irvine), Annie Bunting (York University), Jamie Rowan (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Daniel Breen (Brandeis University), and Jean Carmalt (City University of New York, John Jay College). The main purpose of the panel was to talk about how undergraduate Law and Society programs integrate international perspectives into undergraduate legal studies education. The panel began with a discussion of specific experiences regarding courses with global content and coursework that integrates international perspectives into law and society classes. It then shifted to the way that global perspectives can be incorporated into the curriculum more broadly, first in terms of study abroad programs and then in terms of the curricular decisions and challenges to creating global content within law and society programs. There was a lively conversation about how coursework, study abroad, and curricular design relate to one another, together with active participation of audience members who offered additional institutional diversity. CULJPs will once again be partnering with LSA to bring professional development panels to the annual meeting. We encourage you to reach out if you have an idea for a panel, or would like to be part of one.

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