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Criminology and Criminal Justice Students Present at 2016 CURIO Conference

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A number of Criminal Justice and Criminology undergraduate students presented their research at the Annual Center for Undergraduate Research and Intellectual Opportunities (CURIO) Conference. Working alongside their respective mentors – Dr. Laura Agnich, Dr. John J. Brent, Dr. Laurie Gould, and Dr. Chad Posick – participating students included Roland Turner, Kayla Hulon, Lilian Gray, Grace Pniewski, Theron Webber, and Emily Judge. Theron Webber (Dr. Brent, mentor) received the overall Best Poster Presentation during the conference.

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Dr. Posick and Dr. Brent Present at Annual D.I.F Conference

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Dr. John J. Brent and Dr. Chad Posick with Mr. Chris Hayes were invited and presented at Georgia Southern University's inaugural Diversity, Inclusion and Fairness (D.I.F.) Conference. Dr. Brent's work highlighted the importance of challenging socio-cultural barriers that perpetuate inequalities while Dr. Posick and Mr. Hayes discussed the need to improve prison reentry programs and promote healthy communities. Their work reflected the D.I.F. mission of understanding, promoting, reflecting on, and bringing about a greater awareness of diversity, inclusion, and fairness (among others).

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Dr. Brent Awarded 2016 Faculty Research Committee Award

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Dr. John J. Brent was awarded a Faculty Research Committee Award by Georgia Southern University. This award is in support of his research working with “at-risk” youth, delinquent juveniles, community leaders, law enforcement agencies, and local institutions. His efforts will include qualitative and quantitative methods, including: ethnographic fieldwork, in-depth interviews, survey research, and secondary data analysis. Overall, his work seeks to identify the needs and remedial-based resources required to remove youth from a “prison-track” and implement “at-promise” programming.

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Dr. Agnich and Dr. Brent Nominated for University Awards

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Dr. Laura Agnich and Dr. John J. Brent were nominated for Georgia Southern University's Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award through nominations from faculty, staff, and student across campus. Dr. John J. Brent was also nominated for Georgia Southern University's Annual Outstanding Advocate for First-Year Students Award by the FYE Advisor Council through student nominations.

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Mock Mediation Club Hosts First Tournament at Southern

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The Mock Mediation Club, advised by Dr. Laura Agnich, hosted their first annual Mock Mediation Invitational Tournament at Georgia Southern on April 8 and 9, funded in part by the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology. Students from Georgia College and State University, Middle Georgia State University, Brenau University, and Georgia Southern University (who had teams competing from Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Mock Mediation Club, and incoming officers of the Student Government Association) participated in three rounds of competition.

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Criminal Justice and Criminology Faculty Publish their Research

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Dr. Laura Agnich and Dr. Bryan Miller, in collaboration with Dr. John Stogner (University of North Carolina) and Dr. David Khey (University of Louisiana), had their article "They Were Getting High on What? Evaluating Novel Psychoactive Drug (NPD) Knowledge among Practitioners" published in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Their work assesses the knowledge of NPD help by various practitioners and found the need for greater awareness, knowledge, training, and prevention programs.

Dr. John J. Brent recently had his article "Placing the Criminalization of School Discipline in Economic Context" published in the journal *Punishment and Society*. Working in area of discipline, punishment, and political-economy, his research finds that school discipline mirrors and perpetuates larger economic conditions, such as: changes in the post-industrial labor market, federal incentive prioritizing security, tightening financial resources, and the criminalization of the youth consumer economy.

Dr. John J. Brent, in collaboration with Dr. Thomas J. Mowen (University of Wyoming) recently had their article "School Discipline as a Turning Point: The Cumulative Effect of Suspension of Arrest" published in the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* which stands as the third ranked journal in the field. Building on the "school-to-prison pipeline," their research finds a cumulative effect of school discipline on arrest. Specifically, youth who are punished under punitive school policies are at an increased risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system via arrest.

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