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Students Present Research at ACJS

March 22, 2015



Graduate student Justin Hoyle presents research at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Orlando, FL

Several undergraduate and graduate students presented their research in collaboration with faculty mentors at the national Academy for Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) conference in Orlando, Florida March 3-7.

MASS student Justin Hoyle in collaboration with Drs. Bryan Miller and John Stogner (UNC-Charlotte) presented the paper "Exploring Predictors of Self-reported DUIs in a Young Adult Population." This study tested competing theories to examine predictors of self-reported buzzed and drunk driving.

Working with Drs. Christina Policastro and Laura Agnich, undergraduate Criminal Justice & Criminology

student Krista Latham presented, "The Effects of Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Sexual Orientation on Sexual Victimization," which employed data from a college sample to examine predictors of alcohol- and drug-facilitated sexual victimization in dating relationships.

MASS student Shanna Felix, along with Dr. Chad Posick, presented preliminary results from their multi-method process and program study of a rural-based CASA program in their talk "Understanding the CASA Process – Addressing the Needs of Neglected and Abused Adolescents in Rural Areas."

MASS student Kelley Hartman, working with Drs. Laura Agnich, Christina Policastro, and Laurie Gould presented "Sex Differences in the Likelihood to Endorse Bystander Intervention Strategies among a Sample of University Students." This research found that young male students may be less likely to intervene in potential cases of sexual assault.

Working with Dr. Laurie Gould, Undergraduate Justice Studies student, Kayla Hulon presented a paper entitled, "An Examination of the Relationship Between Corporal Punishment and Risk Preferences Among University Students." This study

Mock Mediation Club Wins First Place at International Law School Competition

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Undergraduate students win 1st place at International Law School Competition. From left, Jonathan Quintyne (International Relations major), Dylan John (Construction Management major), Dick Calkins (President, International Academy of Dispute Resolution), Jessica Shanken (International Relations major), and Tashai Gilman (Sociology major)

A team from Georgia Southern University's [Mock Mediation Club](#) was one of 4 undergraduate mediation teams invited to participate at the International Law School Mediation Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa (March

18th – 21st 2015) as a result of their [outstanding performance](#) at the undergraduate International Mediation Competition in Fall 2014.

Georgia Southern University was the only undergraduate institution to break into the semi finals for both Mediation and Advocacy, and ended the competition by winning 1st place in Advocacy in the world. In addition, the team won 9th Place Mediation Team and 5th Place Advocate/Client (individual award). This is a huge accomplishment as the team competed against teams comprised of *law school* students worldwide.

The Mock Mediation Club at Georgia Southern was started in October, 2013, and is advised by Dr. [Laura Agnich](#). Student members come from diverse and interdisciplinary majors including Criminal Justice & Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, International Relations, Biology, Education, Nursing, Engineering, and Construction. The Club is known for their work in training international mediation teams and has been recognized by the Sri Lankan ambassador to the U.S. for this work. Currently, Georgia Southern's Mock Mediation Club trains mediation teams from Sri Lanka, Canada, and Brazil in both mediation and advocacy.