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Dr. Brenda Sims Blackwell Hired as Chair

April 21, 2014

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is excited to announce that Dr. Brenda Sims Blackwell has been hired as Chair, starting on July 1, 2014. Dr. Blackwell holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, and researches female criminality and the treatment of and criminal justice responses to female offenders. To that end, she has published numerous articles examining power-control theory in an effort to understand sex differences in criminality. In addition, Dr. Blackwell has recently worked on a collaborative NIJ funded research project examining the commercial sex exploitation of children in Atlanta, Georgia. Her research has been published in top-tier journals such as *Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Crime and Delinquency*, and *the Journal of Criminal Justice*. In addition, Dr. Blackwell has experience as the Chair of the Division of Women and Crime in the American Society of Criminology, serves on editorial boards for several journals, and has served as Undergraduate Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Georgia State University.

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Internship and Career Fair

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The department hosted the 2nd annual internship and career fair on April 9th. Students had the opportunity to network with representatives from local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies, and were also able to meet and discuss graduate school and law school opportunities with program representatives. The fair was well-attended by students in multiple disciplines, and provided a great opportunity for students seeking internships and careers in criminal justice fields.

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Undergraduate Awards

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Senior Alexandra Breed was selected as the winner of the Richard J. Waugh Justice Studies Award, which is “presented to the outstanding senior in Justice Studies, selected on the basis of academic standing, service, and professional potential.” During the summer of 2012, she interned with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at the Georgia Intelligence Sharing and Analysis Center. Alexandra assisted analysts in creating “Human Trafficking in Georgia: A Statewide, Comprehensive Study,” in addition to contributing research to bath salt and synthetic cannabinoid projects. Alexandra’s internship has enabled her to strengthen her analytical skills, as she has served as a team member on a variety of projects. For the past year, Alexandra has worked diligently to institute a Jail Dog Program in Bulloch County and is hopeful that the program will become a success.

Junior Kelsey Widem was selected as the recipient of the Wallace and Wachniak scholarship, which is awarded to juniors enrolled full-time with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Kelsey has participated in experiential learning opportunities through the Department such as an Inside Out class taught by Dr. Agnich in a local women’s prison, and undergraduate research working with Drs. Gould, Policastro, and

Agnich examining dating violence and sexual assault. Ms. Widem has a promising career ahead of her in the field of criminal justice and plans to attend graduate school after she graduates.

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