

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STUDIES  
ANNUAL REPORT AY 2007-2008  
NORMA C. CONNOLLY, CHAIRPERSON**

**I. Staffing**

**A. New Hires**

Dr. Satenik Margaryan, an Assistant Professor commenced her employment September 2007. She brings an expertise in Comparative Criminal Justice Systems.

Dr. Venezia Michelsen and Dr. Gabriel Rubin have accepted positions as assistant professors commencing in September 2008.

**B. Tenure, Promotions, Retirements**

None.

**C. Graduate Assistants**

Not applicable.

**II. Curriculum Development:**

**A. New Courses**

The following courses were developed and approved by the College Curriculum Committee and have been added as electives in the Justice Studies major, Justice Systems Concentration, and Criminal Justice and Justice and Families minors:  
JUST 327 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (Dr. Satenik Margaryan)  
JUST 328 Prisons and Punishment (Dr. Cary Federman)  
JUST 329 Homeland Security (Prof. N.C. Connolly)  
JUST 402 Sex Crimes (Dr. Lisa A. Zilney)

**B. Revised Courses**

JUST 101 Criminology was approved as a K3 requirement in Gen Ed 2002 effective fall 2008. Revisions were done by Dr. Lisa Zilney, Dr. Lenore Molee and Dr. Carey Federman.

The following courses were renumbered and approved by the College Curriculum Committee and Provost:

JUST 232 Introduction to Criminal Justice - change to JUST 102

JUST 221 Research in Justice Studies: Social Science Perspectives - change to JUST 300

JUST 203 Organized Crime - change to JUST 313

JUST 499 Selected Topics in Justice Studies - change to JUST 398

PALG 499 Selected Topics in Paralegal Studies - change to PALG 398

**C. Revised Programs**

Program Alterations: Justice Systems Concentration:

1. JUST 401 Social Justice and Family Policy and JUST 496 Peer Mentoring in Justice Studies will be included in the list of selections under section II as major electives. These courses have already been approved.

2. New course JUST 402 Sex Crimes will be included in the list of selections under section II as a major elective.
3. New course JUST 329 Homeland Security will be included in the list of selections under section II as a major elective.
4. New course JUST 327 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems will be included in the list of selections under section II as a major elective.
5. New course JUST 328 Prisons & Punishment will be included in the list of selections under section II as a major elective.
6. JUST 496 Peer Mentoring in Justice Studies will be included in the list of selections under section II as a major elective. This course has already been approved.

**Program Alteration: Paralegal Studies Concentration:**

JUST 496 Peer Mentoring in Justice Studies will be included in the list of selections under section II c as a major elective. This course has already been approved.

**Program Alterations: Minor in Criminal Justice:**

1. New course JUST 327 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems will be included in the list of Electives.
2. New course JUST 328 Prisons & Punishment will be included in the list of Electives.
3. Add JUST 314 Environmental Justice to the list of Electives. This course has already been approved.
4. New course JUST 402 Sex Crimes will be included in the list of Electives.
5. New course JUST 329 Homeland Security will be included in the list of Electives.

**Program Alteration: Minor in Justice and Families**

New course JUST 328 Prisons & Punishment will be included in the list of selections under Section I. Justice Studies Electives.

**D. Other Initiatives**

The department conducted preliminary discussions on the creation of a graduate program in Justice Studies. Comparable graduate programs with a variety of foci were discussed to determine their viability at Montclair State University. Further discussions with the incoming provost will be conducted during the upcoming academic year.

**III. Programs, Projects, Special Events:**

**A. Special Events**

**Awards Ceremony**

The Department of Justice Studies recognized its graduates during an Honors and Awards Ceremony held on April 28, 2008. Ms. Danielle Grieco was selected as the recipient of the David J. Dodd Memorial Scholarship which provides a monetary

award to a graduating senior in the Justice Systems concentration with the highest grade point average. Graduating students with the highest grade point average in each of the programs within the department were recognized. Inductees into the Lambda Epsilon Chi Paralegal Honor Society and Alpha Sigma Phi Criminal Justice Honor Society were recognized at the same ceremony.

### **Student Organizations**

The Justice Studies Club with faculty advisor Regina Judge held meetings throughout the academic year.

Lambda Epsilon Chi Paralegal Honor Society with faculty advisor Lenore M. Molee inducted five new members who have a 3.5 GPA in Paralegal Studies and a minimum of a 3.25 GPA overall.

Dr. Lisa A. Zilney established a chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Criminal Justice Honor Society during spring of 2008. Twenty-nine members who have a 3.2 GPA in criminal justice courses were inducted at the awards ceremony.

### **Events**

October 10, 2007 N.J. Judiciary Recruitment. Event sponsored by Justice Studies (Francine C. Raguso) and the Center for Career Services and Community Based Learning).

October 22, 2007 "Justice for Women in Bondage" event sponsored by Justice Studies (Francine C. Raguso) and the Women's Studies Program.

October 24, 2007 N.J. Transit Recruitment. Event sponsored by Justice Studies (Francine C. Raguso) and the Center for Career Services and Community Based Learning).

January 31, 2008 Explore the Justice Studies Major First Year Success Series event sponsored by Justice Studies (Norma C. Connolly and Gale Morganti) and the New Student Experience Program.

February 20, 2008 Hackensack Police Department Work Study Program presentation Event sponsored by Justice Studies (Francine C. Raguso).

February 25, 2008 "The Holocaust: A Personal Narrative" Gina Laceter event organized by Professor Jessica Henry.

## **IV. Other Department/Program Achievements and Endeavors:**

### **Department Website**

The newly created department website is updated twice a year at the beginning of each academic term. All programmatic changes and announcements are posted for access to our majors, minors and graduate certificate students.

### **Applied Learning Specialist**

During this academic year the Applied Learning Specialist has placed or processed 88 students for the spring 2008 semester. She is currently working with 95 students for the summer and fall 08 semesters. Additional Senior Seminar & Externship classes have been scheduled to accommodate student need for degree completion. There has been a 10% increase over the last year's placements.

We have over 100 internship placement sites, which include federal and state agencies. As a result of an informal agreement with the NJ State Police and the NJ Office of the Public Defender, we can offer placements in all counties of the State. We also have sites in New York City. The number of placement sites has increased by approximately 20% since academic year 2006-07.

The Applied Learning Specialist continues to work with the Hackensack Police Department (HCOP) on an 8 credit two semester work study program for Justice System's students. The HCOP program has grown from one student in 2007-2008 to 11 students for 2008-2009.

### **American Bar Association Reapproval**

Dr. Lenore Molee completed the self-evaluation report and exhibits in connection with the application seeking reapproval of the Paralegal Studies Program from the national accrediting body, the American Bar Association. All materials were submitted on May 13, 2008. It is anticipated that there will be a site visit in Fall 2009.

## **V. Faculty Achievements:**

### **A. Scholarship**

#### **Cary Federman**

Cary Federman and Dave Holmes, "Deconstructing the Psychopath: A Critical Discursive Analysis." *Cultural Critique*. Accepted (1/08 )

Cary Federman, "Habeas Corpus: The Great Writ of Liberty." *Insights on Law & Society*, Fall 2007, 8(1): 7-9. Article commissioned, not peer reviewed

*Social Problems Forum*. Michael Arena and Bruce Arrigo, *The Terrorist Identity: Explaining the Terrorist Threat*, 2007, 38(3): 15-16. Book review

#### **Jessica Henry**

##### **Peer Review Articles**

Henry, Jessica S. (in press). New Jersey's Road to Abolition. *Justice Systems Journal*.

Henry, Jessica S. (in press). "Hate Crimes" Film Review. *Criminal Justice Review*.

Henry, Jessica S. (2008). Closing the Legal Services Gap in Reentry. *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*. 21(1): 15-27.

Henry, Jessica S. and James B. Jacobs. (2007). Ban the Box to Promote Ex-Offender Employment. *Criminology and Public Policy*, 6(4): 755-763.

Henry, Jessica S. (2008). "Police Brutality." In Gregg Barak (Ed.), *Battleground: Criminal Justice*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Henry, Jessica S. (2007). Treating Bigots Like Pedophiles: Posting Personal data of Convicted Bias Offenders on the Web. *L.A.E. Journal Of the American Criminal Justice Association*, 16-19.

Henry, Jessica S. (2007) "Hate Crimes." In Abby Ferber and Kimberly Holcomb (eds). *American Sociological Association: Teaching About Ethnoviolence and Hate Crimes Resource Guide*.

***Book Chapter***

Henry, Jessica S. (in press) Hate Crime Laws: A Critical Assessment. In Perry, B. (ed.) Hate Crimes: Perspectives and Approaches (Greenwood Publishing Group: Connecticut).

***Presentations***

“Abolition in New Jersey: The Death of the Death Penalty” and  
“Taking Decarceration Seriously”(co-presenter James Jacob)  
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia November 14-17, 2007

**Jennifer Hunt**

***Presentation***

“Lethal Force in the Policing of Terrorism: A Case Study,” at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, Virginia April 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Reginia Judge**

***Presentation***

"Computer Crimes" at the American Association for Paralegal Education, Mt. Kisco, NY April 12, 2008.

**Satenik Margaryan**

***Publication***

“A Society in Transition: Penal Reform in the Republic of Armenia” VDM Verlag, forthcoming.

***Presentation***

“International Organizations and Penal Reform: A Case Study of Armenia.”  
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2007.

**Lenore M. Molee**

***Presentation***

Service-Learning Conference for Administrators, Faculty, Students and Community-Based Organizations, a collaboration of the NCJW Volunteer Network and Montclair State University Center for Career Services and Community-Based Learning, “Bringing Life to Learning: Connecting the Classroom to the Community,” Presenter: “Service-Learning: A Gateway to Scholarship,” Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, November 2007 .

International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, Co-Presenter, Poster Presentation: “Assessing Student Learning Through Structured, Critical Reflection Assignments,” University of South Florida, Tampa, FL October 2007.

American Association for Paralegal Education, Panelist: “Advisory Boards,” Baltimore, MD, October 2007.

Service-Learning Faculty Fellows Workshop, Panelist: “MSU Critical Reflection Project,” Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, June 2007.

**Francine C. Raguso**

***Presentation***

Full Day Training Session for Certificate Program in Justice and Families,  
Presenter: "Social Justice: Poverty and Welfare," Middlesex Police and Fire  
Academy, April 2008.

Conference for NJ High School Teachers, Hidden Women: Rethinking Bodies,  
Gender, and Globalization, Presenter: "The Effects of Maternal Incarceration on the  
Family and Community," The Women's Studies Program & the Institute for the  
Humanities at Montclair State University, March 2008.

**Lisa A. Zilney**

***Peer Reviewed Publications***

Lisa Anne Zilney. "Decriminalization of Drugs." In Helen Taylor  
Greene & Shaun L. Gabbidon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*.  
Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, forthcoming.

Lisa Anne Zilney. "Controversies Surrounding the War on Drugs." In Gregg  
Barak (Ed.), *Battleground: Criminal Justice*. Westport, CT: Greenwood  
Press, 2008.

Lisa Anne Zilney & Laura Joan Zilney. "Controversies Surrounding Sex Offender  
Laws." In Gregg Barak (Ed.), *Battleground: Criminal Justice*. Westport,  
CT: Greenwood Press, 2008.

Lisa Anne Zilney. *Linking Animal Cruelty and Family Violence*. Youngstown,  
NY: Cambria Press, 2007.

***Teaching/Community Publications***

Instructor's Manual & Test Bank for Larry J. Siegel and Joseph J. Senna,  
*Essentials of Criminal Justice (6<sup>th</sup> edition)*, Belmont, CA: Cengage (formerly  
Thomson Wadsworth), 2008.

Instructor's Resource CD (Test Bank and Web Quizzing materials) for Ronet  
Bachman and Russell K. Schutt, *Fundamental of Research in Criminology and  
Criminal Justice*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2008.

Undergraduate level Environmental Justice course syllabus published in  
*Environmental Sociology: Syllabi and Instructional Materials (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. Compiled  
and Edited by Michael Mascarenhas. Published by The American Sociological  
Association, 2007.

Instructor's Manual & Test Bank for Larry J. Siegel and Joseph J. Senna,  
*Introduction to Criminal Justice (11<sup>th</sup> edition)*, Belmont, CA: Thomson  
Wadsworth, 2007.

Instructor's Resource CD (Test Bank and Web Quizzing materials) for Ronet  
Bachman and Russell K. Schutt, *The Practice of Research in Criminology and  
Criminal Justice (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007.

***Presentations***

"Linking Animal Cruelty and Family Violence." A Provincial Conference:  
Communities Working Together to End Violence Against Women, Kitchener,  
Ontario, Canada, February 25 – 27, 2008

“An Examination of OSHA’s Enforcement Strategies and Penalty Assessments in the Apparel Industry” (with Danielle McGurrin as primary presenter). American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17, 2008.

Organizer and Presider, “Linking the Cycles of Violence: Research on Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007.

“Perverts and Predators: The Creation of Sex Offender Laws” (with Laura Joan Zilney). Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007.

“Cruelty Has No Boundaries: Exploring the Human-Animal Link in Ontario, Canada” (with Mary Zilney). Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007.

“The Social Construction of Sex Offending” (with Laura Joan Zilney as primary presenter). Guelph Annual Sexuality Conference, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, June 18-20, 2007.

## **B. Grants/Contracts/Awards**

### **Lenore Molee**

Award: Montclair State University, Center for Career Services and Community-based Learning, Outstanding Experiential Education Faculty Award, 2008.

### **Francine C. Raguso**

- The Volunteer Retention Study II Evaluative Research Project  
\$2,500 grant from CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties, April 2008.

Justice and Families Training Certificate Program: Statewide Staff Training.

- \$10,800 grant from CASA of New Jersey, Inc., December 2007 (Co-authored with Norma C. Connolly).

- Going Home: Individual Pathways Program: a prison reentry program to meet the individual transitional needs of incarcerated women \$2500 grant from the Nicholson Foundation, December 2007.

## **C. Pro-bono Work, Community Outreach, Service to MSU**

### **Norma C. Connolly**

*Service to MSU*

Co-chair, University Chairs Council 2008

Chair, CHSS Subcommittee on Interdisciplinary Programs 2008

Faculty Representative to the MSU Board of Trustees 2008

### **Cary Federman**

*Service to MSU*

Representative to Pollack Committee, 2007-2008

### **Jessica Henry**

*Service to MSU*

Take Your Daughters to Work Day, Montclair State University. (April 2008)

The New Girls Club: Women Lawyers.

Guest Speaker, Advisors' Workshop, Center for Academic Advising and Adult Learning. "Updates to the Justice Studies Major" (March 2008)  
Representative to CHSS Distinguished Scholar Committee, 2007-2008

**Jennifer Hunt**

Reviewer - Sociological Forum (Journal of the Southern Sociological Association).

Reviewer - Social Psychology Quarterly (Journal of the American Sociological Association)

Reviewer – Symbolic Interaction, (Journal of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction)

Police training expert and member of a 10 member interdisciplinary team involved in an evaluation of a proposal by the New York Police Department to develop a new training curriculum and consolidated training facility for recruit and in-service police officers, November, 2007, December 2007.

Honored guest, "35 Years and Still Talking! Hostage Negotiation Team Commemorative Celebration and Training Day." NYPD Hostage Negotiation Team. March 28, 2008.

**Satenik Margaryan**

*Service to MSU*

Representative to CHSS Assessment Committee, 2007-2008

**Lenore M. Molee**

*Service to MSU*

Chair, University Experiential Education Committee

Coordinator, American Bar Association Approval

**Gale Morganti**

*Service to MSU*

Guest Speaker, Advisors' Workshop, Center for Academic Advising and Adult Learning. "Updates to the Justice Studies Major" (March 2008)

Representative to Student Disciplinary Panel 2007-2008

**Lisa A. Zilney**

*Service to MSU*

Representative to CHSS Curriculum Committee 2007-2008

Representative to Student Disciplinary Panel 2007-2008