

UMCP's Criminology & Criminal Justice Program Newsletter At the Universities at Shady Grove



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Welcome Our New Program Director-Dr. Wendy Stickle

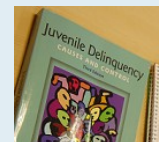
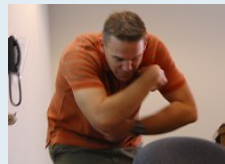
Dr. Wendy Stickle received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2009. Just before graduation she spent some time as the acting Director of the CCJS Program at Shady Grove while Dr. Gerstenblith was on maternity leave.



Since then she has worked at Westat, a research company in Rockville, as a research analyst. Dr. Stickle's primary research interests include the predictors of juvenile delinquency and program evaluation. When not working she spends her time with her husband and 17-month old daughter Amelia. Dr. Stickle looks forward to meeting all of the CCJS students at Shady Grove and hearing about your experiences in our program.

Feel free to reach Dr. Wendy Stickle at 301-738-6307 or wstickle@umd.edu

Criminal Justice Student Association-C.R.I.M.S.A.



CRIMSA was established to provide students enrolled in the University of Maryland's program in Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJS) at USG with activities that will complement their academic studies. The activities of CRIMSA may include functions and events of an intellectual, social, cultural, or charitable nature, as well as those activities that promote the academic and professional success of future, current and graduating CCJS students.

Congratulations to the Fall 2011 Board– Claudia Rodriguez (President), Mercy Mugatha (V.P.), Michelle Heaver (Secretary), & Gabriel Calvo (Treasurer).

Positions are still open for the Fall board including a Junior & Senior class Representative...

See here for more information: <http://on.fb.me/ma3rRu> or email crodrig3@umd.edu for information on getting involved.

Fall 2011 Semester- Important Dates!

Last day to apply for Graduation	Sept. 14
Last day to drop/add classes	Sept. 14
Last day to withdraw from class with a 60% refund	Sept. 21
USG Fall Open House	Oct. 15
Last day to withdraw from a class (no refund)	Dec. 13
UMCP Campus-wide Commencement	Dec. 21
CCJS Commencement Ceremony (BSOS)	Dec. 22



Need help with writing your papers?

Stop by the Center for Academic Success in Student Services or e-mail them at sg-cas@umd.edu.

Center Coordinators can help students with writing & reviewing papers, personal statements, graduate school test prep, and much more!

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
[-Nelson Mandela](#)

For information on admissions into the Criminology & Criminal Justice Program:

Please visit our website here:

<http://shadygrove.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate/criminology>

Course Sharing Programs at USG



Students enrolled in the CCJS program at the Shady Grove campus have the opportunity to take courses within the 9 different institutions offering classes at USG. In 3 simple steps, their education is enhanced through this unique course sharing program as follows:

Step 1:

Browse the course sharing catalog online and select courses at:
<http://shadygrove.umd.edu/academics/course-sharing>

Step 2:

Contact program director Dr. Wendy Stickle for permission to enroll in a course (s)

Step 3:

Enjoy the diversity of courses and see your grade in your student portal once the semester is over!

Gain College Credit through on the job experiences



Have you considered doing a CCJS internship?

Students admitted into the program can earn 1 college credit for every 40 hours that they work at a department-approved regional employer. Previous students have interned at law firms, police departments, state & federal agencies, and more. Their experiences include administrative work, ride-alongs with officers, warrant and background processing, & attendance of court cases. Contact Dr. Stickle to receive permission to enroll in an internship!

Veteran Benefits available at USG

Calling all Veterans! Are you looking to get connected with other veterans on campus? Do you have questions about some of your educational benefits? Are you familiar with all G.I. Bills that best suit your educational goals? Do you have any questions about the enrollment certification process? If you answered yes to any of those questions, contact USG's VA coordinator: **Raimonda Nuredini at rnuredini@umd.edu or call 301.738.6091.**

Also learn about the campus veterans group GroVets!

**Questions about the
CCJS Program at USG?
Contact us!**



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Do you enjoy what you do? What do you enjoy the most/least?

I truly love my job. The best part of my job is our organizations existence. Every aspect of my job is focused on helping these victims realize that there are people out there who care about what they are going through, and are dedicated to help them live violence-free lives. *The FJC is a one-stop-shop, providing almost every need of a person going through an abusive relationship.* The best part of every day is seeing clients smile as they leave, knowing that they are going to be ok.

The least enjoyable aspect of my job is the reality of it. Intimate partner abuse is out there, and I get to see first hand what it does to its victims. As much as I know that I am helping them live better lives in the future, what has happened to them in the past is still there, and they are in physical and/or emotional pain. Although sometimes overwhelming; I would not chose any other career. It's a bitter/sweet feeling to do what I do everyday. *The unfortunate reality is that there is a real need for my job, and I'm honored to be doing it.*

How has the CCJS program at Shady Grove benefited you?

Specialized CCJS classes which were not offered at UMCP. Smaller classes taught by professionals in the field also made Shady Grove ideal. I met many great fellow CCJS students who currently work in the field as well. The CCJS professors were also very helpful, and the program director and staff were caring and experienced. *Most of our studies and discussions were based on real cases, and the professors had first hand knowledge* of the field and helped us practice as if we were professionals in the field.

Were you able to apply and translate classroom knowledge to your current job? Can you provide an example?

Everyday I use information I learned through my studies, especially *the knowledge I gained during my senior year at UMCP at shady grove.* As I mentioned earlier, the case studies and discussions during each class were mostly based on real cases, and the tools that were used by the professors made learning the materials easier. For example, *I learned how to photograph injuries of victims the correct way through the multidisciplinary studies of Forensics.* I also find myself remembering and using many techniques and tools I learned when dealing with victims of crime; victimology, cognitive behavioral psychology and definitely domestic violence are three of the most influential classes I took at shady grove which contribute everyday to what I do at work.

Parisa continues to grow herself professionally by attending various training and seminars.

We wish her the best in her amazing career!

Student Spotlight-Parisa Tabrizi



UMCP Alumnus, Parisa Tabrizi, Class of 2009, now works for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in the Domestic Violence Department of the Family Justice Center. She took some time out of her hectic cases to reflect on how the UMCP CCJS program at Shady Grove helped her in selecting this career path.

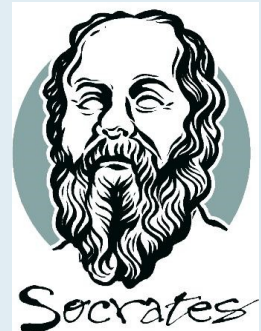
What is your current job title and what does your job entail?

I started volunteering at the FJC after graduation and really enjoyed helping victims of domestic violence and their families. I realized that working at a multi-partnership Organization was providing me with the knowledge and experience of different fields of the criminal justice system, and I love learning new things and experiencing something new everyday! *I applied for a job with the Sheriff's department after a year of volunteering.* Working as a Domestic Violence Case Coordinator has been amazing, and I'm blessed to have been given the opportunity to play a role in assisting families going through such difficult times.

How can current students maximize potential job opportunities after graduation?

I found that *the best way to learn about new opportunities and meeting people in the field of your interest is volunteering/ interning* at organizations related to your degree. Research and attend job fairs. Taking risks and applying for jobs that interest you, even if you only meet the minimum requirements. You never know what the future holds.

Famous Quotes



“Nothing is to be preferred before justice..”

—Socrates

JOIN OUR PROGRAM

UMCP B.A. Program in Criminology & Criminal Justice **Lower-Level Major and CORE Requirements**

CCJS Program Requirements:

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (MC: CJ 110)
CCJS 105: Introduction to Criminology (MC:SO 107)
CCJS 230: Criminal Law in Action (MC:CJ 221)
MATH 111 or higher [(STAT100, MATH140, MATH220) (MC: MA 113 or MA 116)]
Social Science Statistics (BMGT 230, ECON 321, PSYC 200, CCJS 200, SOCY 201) (MC: BA 210)

CCJS Program University Requirements:

ENGL 101: Academic Writing (FE)
HL: Literature
HA: History/Theory of the Arts
Humanities (HL, HA, or HO; or IE*)
Life/Physical Science w/ Lab (4 cr, LL/PL)
Life/Physical Science (3 cr, LS/PS)
Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MS, LL, LS, PL, or PS; or IE*)
SH: Social/Political History
2 Behavior/Social Sciences (SB/IE*)
* Only 1 IE course may be used.

Visit www.tce.umd.edu to determine how lower-level coursework from other institutions is transferable to UMCP. Also use this website to identify courses to fulfill FE, HL, HA, HO, SH and SB requirements.

Classes offered at USG

Criminal Investigations	Domestic Violence
Criminal Procedure and Gangs	Computer and Digital Forensics
Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Forensics	Ethics and Criminal Justice
International Criminal Law	Drugs and Crime
Crime Mapping	Race, Crime and Criminal Justice
Forensic Psychology	

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