



CJ News

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Qualey steps down as Chair

Ed Qualey has served Hilbert College for 30 years and was the first full-time faculty member in the Criminal Justice Department. Ed was a driving force in moving Hilbert toward a 4 year institution and worked to establish a bachelor degree program in criminal justice. He was instrumental in the design and establishment of the Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation Program and co-authored an Oishei Foundation grant for \$350,000 for the start up expenses for the Economic Crime Investigation Program. Through the years, Ed has established internship sites for students with over 30 agencies at the federal, state and local levels and continues to guide students in career paths. He has had a major role in securing over 40 conferences and workshops held on the Hilbert campus which has benefited law enforcement and the community as well as providing the college with financial remuneration. Ed created and continually supports the Flood-Qualey Scholarship which aids students in the criminal justice program. As a member of numerous community, education and law enforcement



associations, he volunteers his time to assist at all levels and has been recognized for his service by several of them including, Erie I BOCES, the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council, and the Criminal Justice Educators of New York State. He teaches by example as he joins the Criminal Justice and Forensic Science students in their annual Adopt a Highway cleanup program each spring and fall. Over the years Ed has been an integral part of recruitment activities for the college and is present to welcome prospective students at Open House events, visit nights, the President's Scholarship Dinner and the accepted student receptions. He has mentored numerous faculty throughout the years and most recently worked with John Culhane who will assume the position of chair in the Criminal Justice Department. Ed will continue to work as coordinator of the Criminal Justice internship program here at Hilbert. We wish him well in his new position.

Adopt a Highway

Our spring adopt a highway was held Saturday, April 12 and a record 27 volunteers worked together to spruce up the highway and our campus. This is our 22st year of adopt-a-highway on South Park Avenue. Thank you!

FILMAKER PRESENTATION

Lawyer turned filmmaker, Dawn Porter, presented "Public Defenders: The Keepers of Civil Rights" as the keynote speaker during the 5th Annual Commemoration Celebration in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hilbert College introduces the Hawks Under 40

Hilbert College introduced the Hawks Under 40 to honor four Hilbert graduates under the age of 40. The inaugural honorees are Michael Gabor, Class of 2010; Karen Kalwicki, Class of 2006; Jason Luna, Class of 1996; and Jonathan Rajewski, Class of 2004.

Michael Gabor is one of the first students to receive **both a bachelor's and master's degree in Criminal Justice** from Hilbert. After earning his bachelor's, he returned to pursue one of the college's newly established programs. He served as an assistant men's soccer coach, was involved in the Graduate Student Association and graduated with a master's degree in criminal justice administration. He is a global financial crimes compliance anti-money laundering investigator with JP Morgan Chase & Co.

Jason Luna was among the first to receive a four-year degree from Hilbert. After graduating from the University at Buffalo Law School, he began his career as an assistant district attorney. In 2005, he opened a personal injury law firm, Jason C. Luna, PLLC. He is also a volunteer with a number of civic groups, including the Valley Community Association, a not-for-profit organization in Buffalo's Old First Ward that organizes events such as River Fest and the city's original St. Patrick's Day parade. Luna has been an Alumni Association board member, established an endowed scholarship for Hilbert students, worked as an **adjunct instructor in the Criminal Justice Division**, and most recently was elected to serve on the board of trustees.

UB honors crisis response work of Cheektowaga Police Lieutenant

(from the Buffalo News)

Lt. Brian Gould, a lieutenant with the Cheektowaga Police Dept. and a **student at Hilbert College** was recognized by the University at Buffalo for "Outstanding Contributions to the Community and the Department of Psychiatry." Gould is part of the department's new Crisis Response Team, that responds to calls and situations that involve individuals with mental health issues, to provide proper assessment, treatment and/or resources in an attempt to avoid having the individual enter the criminal justice system.

The lieutenant was selected for the honor by Dr. Michael Cummings, executive director of behavioral health integration at Erie County Medical Center. Cummings, who has worked with Gould on occasion since 2009, said he looks at two criteria: someone who has a significant impact on the psychiatric well-being of our community in a collaborative manner; and someone who, in the absence of the award, may be unknown to the wider psychiatric community. "Brian's leadership, collaboration and willingness to think outside the box with difficult cases are a few reasons why I chose to pick him this year," Cummings said.

Congratulations to Brian and his Team!

Faculty News

Earleen Adamson, adjunct, was chosen Woman of the Year honoree of the Kathryn Stanley Lawes Award. This award is sponsored by the New York State Women in Corrections –Wende Hub.

John Babi will be stepping down as assistant chairperson of the Criminal Justice Department.

Colleen Rahill-Beuler, adjunct, received the Justice Award for her “high level of technical competence and professionalism”. She was honored by the Bar Association of Erie County at the Law Day Awards. Congratulations to Colleen on her recent retirement.

John Culhane has been named as chair of the Criminal Justice Division.

Dr. Yvonne Downes Dr. Downes participated in a nine-week training program in the Evans Police Citizens Academy where she learned about police procedures which included a visit to the Police Academy where she practiced a high speed chase with a driving simulator and practiced shooting with firearms on the training simulator. She will be replacing John Babi as assistant chair of the Criminal Justice Division.

Edward Drabczyk delivered a presentation to seniors at a local day facility providing instruction pertaining to personal and home safety and security.

Drs. Martin Floss and Kathy Pierino attended the ACJS (Academy of Criminal Justice Science) Conference in Philadelphia on February 19-21.

Ed Qualey –after 30 years at Hilbert College will be stepping down as department chair but will continue his work with the internship program here on campus.

Richard Qualey ('88) adjunct, was recently elected to the vice president position of the New York State Police Investigators Association. This group represents over 1150 investigators that are with the NYS Troopers.

Joe Rath, adjunct, invited Ms. Sherry Fossett, a 1995 Hilbert graduate and Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection agent to speak to his terrorism class. Her presentation included discussions regarding diversity in the workplace as well as in the military.

Cheektowaga Police Chief **David Zack**, adjunct, was honored at the MAD DADS Honorary Youth Breakfast in Bethel AME Church, Buffalo in February for his work as liaison between Buffalo and Cheektowaga Police Departments.

Club News

Congratulations to **Dr. Yvonne Downes** who was named Club Advisor of the Year at the Student Government Awards Banquet. The club will be traveling to Washington DC on May 19-21 and also has plans to visit a shooting range. Detective John Payne from the Orchard Park Police Department was on campus to speak to the students about investigations and the hiring process. A tour of the Federal Courthouse was arranged by Board of Trustee member Judge Jerry McCarthy. One of the upcoming projects for the CJ/FS students is a thorough cleaning of the Forensic Labs.



Institute for Law and Justice News

The US Attorney's Office, Western District of New York, the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., Hilbert's Criminal Justice Studies Division and the Institute for Law and Justice sponsored several conferences during the past few months.

February 7, 2014 Criminal Interdiction & Vehicle Concealment

Sponsors: US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, Hilbert College ILJ and CJ, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

Attendance: 226

February 21, 2014 Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

Sponsors: US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, Hilbert College ILJ and CJ, MAGLOCLEN, New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Lancaster Police Department

Attendance: 132

March 12, 2014 Intel-led Policing

Sponsors: US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, Hilbert College ILJ and CJ, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., FBI, Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy, NYS Division of CJ Services

Attendance: 110

Upcoming May 16, 2014 Trends in Synthetic Drugs

Sponsors: US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, Hilbert College, ILJ and CJ, Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), The Drug Enforcement Administration, The United States Postal Inspection Service, New York State Police, MAGLOCLEN

Student Internships

The Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division is pleased to announce its internships for Spring 2014. These students gain valuable experience and work contacts by participating in the program. We are also able to demonstrate to a variety of agencies the capability of our students.

Criminal Justice Internships

Shai Nurah ArnoldBaker Victory Services
 Katherine Elizabeth Blane.....NYS Attorney General Consumer Fraud Bureau
 Garrett Zachary BonebergNYS Attorney General Organized Crime Task Force
 Kyle Thomas Brandel.....Town of Tonawanda Police Dept.
 Sara Marie Burtis.....Baker Victory Services
 Angeline Juhl CannizzaroTown of Tonawanda Police Dept.
 Shawn Thomas CronmillerNYS Corrections Wende
 Jessica Jean EgglestonBuffalo Police Dept.
 Cory Lee EvendenNiagara Falls Police Department
 Justin Paul FathWest Seneca Police Dept.
 Michael Robert Gee.....Erie County Sheriffs Dept.
 Michael Dominic HillErie County Sheriffs Dept.
 James Joseph KoszutaErie County Child Protective Services
 Hayley Christine Ploetz.....NYS Environmental Conservation
 Amy L. RevelasErie County Probation

Ashley Rose Stroh.....NYS Attorney General Consumer Fraud Bureau
 Mark Joseph TraskTown of Hamburg Police Dept.
 Adam J. WeaverU.S. Attorney Buffalo
 Patrick John WereltImmigration/Customs Enforcement

Forensic Science Internships

Derek AccursoTown of Cheektowaga Police Dept.
 Alexis CluneTown of Cheektowaga Police Dept.
 Kristina KeehleTown of Orchard Park Police Dept.
 Eric RuizTown of Orchard Park Police Dept.
 Ryan SheehanErie County Medical Examiner's Office
 Natalie Breanne WhitmanNiagara County Sheriff's Dept.

Acknowledgements

Robbi Bailey '14 has been hired by American Systems as a latent fingerprint technician.

Kristofer Bystrak has accepted a position with the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

Steven Cronmiller '13 was hired by the Batavia Police Department.

Shawn Cronmiller'13 is a corrections officer in New York State.

Casey Duffy '13 was hired by M&T Bank.

Nicole Estep has been hired by American Systems as a latent fingerprint technician.

Lt. Brian Gould, a lieutenant in the Cheektowaga Police Department is part of the new Crisis Response Team and has been recognized by the University at Buffalo for "Outstanding Contributions to the Community and the Department of Psychiatry".

Lauren Lukasiewicz (FSI '12) is the new investigator at the Medical Examiner's Office in Akron, Ohio.

Nate Mead (BS '03) A Police Officer with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation visited our CJ internship class on 4/29 and explained the duties and hiring process for conservation officer employment. Nate is a fine example of a Hilbert grad who is professional and thorough in his public presentations – great job!

Lonna (McCary) Moshier, was a winning contestant on The Price is Right.

Eric Parucki, (BS '87), is a Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent under the Department of Homeland Security stationed in the Batavia area.

Nicole Petrelli is a Cold Case Analyst at Connecticut Chief State Attorney's Office.

Hayley Ploetz is working with alum Nate Mead who has been working for 7 years in Erie County.

James Reinhardt '14 was hired by M&T bank.

Jessie Roland is attending the NYS Corrections Academy.

Leanne Rosner (BS'07) has been promoted to Marketing Manager at Ingram Micro in Buffalo.

Ken Rouse has been accepted into law school.

Aubree Shofner was hired as a paralegal in the Law Office of Nelson Torre. She is working on her Masters degree in CJA.

Mercedes Sornoza (CJA grad) has been a probation officer with Chautauqua County for the past three years. She is a "Certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist" She will receive a certification this month in a program called "Cognitive Behavioral Change Program" and has applied for full time U.S. Probation Officer in Brooklyn New York.

Cori Thurman'13 was hired by M&T bank.

Jacob Whitehead, a 2007 Hilbert Grad, visited two CJ Internship classes and explained the duties and employment possibilities with NYS Department of Corrections. Jake is currently an investigator with the Office of the Inspector General with NYSDOCS.

Natalie Whitman will be working as a Corrections Officer at the Niagara County Sheriff's Department starting May 19th and begin her Master's in Criminal Justice Administration at Hilbert in the fall of 2014.

Obituaries

Sadly, long-time adjunct Joseph Mordino entered into rest after a lengthy illness on December 6, 2013. Joe was a long time adjunct with the Criminal Justice Division.

Weddings

Lonna (McCary) to 1st Lt. Aaron Moshier, USMC
Daniel Marth to Lyndsi Jachimowicz
Tom Cronmiller to Lindsay Tenebruso
David and Ayla Kramer