

Criminal Justice/Legal Studies/Sociology Speed Mentor Bios
March 5, 2019; 6-8pm Wisconsin Union South – Varsity Hall III (2nd floor)

Brian Ackeret (Captain, Madison Police Department) 1985 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a Criminal Justice Certificate. Completed an internship during the summer of 1985 with the Middleton WI Police Department and was hired by the Madison Police Department in 1986. Madison Police Department assignments include Patrol Officer, Langdon St Neighborhood Officer, Public Information Officer, and Patrol Sergeant. He has 10 years of experience as a supervisor and Commander of the Dane County Narcotics Task Force. Brian was assigned as a Lieutenant of the Professional Standards and Internal Affairs Unit as well as a Patrol Lieutenant and Detective Lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2013 where he was assigned as the Executive Captain of Centralized Patrol Services with oversight of Forensic Services, Property and the Canine and Mounted Patrol Units. He is currently assigned as the Captain of the North Police District.

Jacob Andreska (Special Agent-(Federal Agent) National Background Investigations Bureau) graduated from Edgewood College in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. During and after college, he interned with Madison Police Department specifically participating with the North District Community Policing Team. In March of 2010, he started as a Special Agent with NBIB conducting background investigations on future and current federal civilians, military members, and contractors that require security clearances to work with sensitive and classified information. While working for NBIB Andreska has traveled to United States Military Installations around the United States as well as Japan, Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. He has been on four different overseas TDYs including a NATO mission in 2018. With NBIB he has also performed integrity assurance investigations for the agency, trained new agents, and been involved in hiring new agents. He has also had the chance to work as a counselor at the Federal Background Investigations Training Program for NBIB. He is still actively working on his graduate degree in the process.

Kristin Carroll (HR Manager, CALS Human Resources), formerly known as Officer Kristin Radtke, graduated from UW-Madison in 2001 with a major in Behavioral Science and Law (now Legal Studies) and certificate in Criminal Justice. Upon graduation she was hired by UW-Madison Police Department and worked a few years on 3rd shift. From November of 2003 until February 2016 she was the Central Campus Community Officer. As a community officer she built and improved relationships and partnerships with community members while reducing crime. She coordinated the campus crime prevention program titled Badger Watch, was a good go to person for pedestrian, bike, and moped issues, and coordinated the UWPD Citizen's Academy program for 11 years. In December 2012 Kristin received a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from UW-Platteville. In February 2016 Kristin retired from law enforcement after almost 15 years and started as a HR Manager in the College of Ag and Life Sciences. As an HR Manager Kristin handles recruitments, hiring, onboarding, performance management, accommodations, requests for FMLA, and HR investigations.

Julie Clayton (Police Officer UW Madison Police Department) has been a Police Officer with the University of Wisconsin Madison for 1.5 years. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelors in Criminal Justice in 2017 and completed a successful internship with the Milwaukee Police Department; she was fortunate to graduate from the Police Academy in Madison, WI shortly thereafter. In addition to having a strong interest in community outreach and education, she has attended Crisis Intervention Training and is a part of the UW CARE team, created to address mental health based issues on campus and the surrounding areas. Julie is also a member of the UW PRIDE team and holds a strong belief that diversity and inclusivity are necessities in policing.

Patricia Coffey, Ph.D. (Forensic Psychologist; UW-Madison Psych Department Faculty Associate). I have undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Ibero-American Studies from the UW-Madison. I have a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Vermont. I have been in private practice in Madison for over 20 years providing treatment and forensic evaluation services. In addition to private practice, I also worked half-time for Mendota Mental Health Institute and the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center for 9 years. In 2014 I started working full time in the UW-Psych Department teaching The Criminal Mind: A Forensic and Psychobiological Perspective, Introductory Psychology, and Service Learning courses. I also train and supervise a Ph.D. student in forensic assessment. I enjoy working with students considering careers in criminal justice and am happy to meet to discuss career options and the role of psychologists in the criminal justice system.

Jesse Crowe (Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation) Jesse Crowe has been involved in law enforcement since 1993. He started his career as a reserve officer for the Village of Luck Police Department. In 1996 he was hired full time with the Village of McFarland Police Department as a patrol officer. In 1997 he became the Police School Liaison Officer and held that position until being promoted to detective in 2001. In 2010, Jesse was promoted to Detective Sergeant where he oversaw the School Liaison Officer position, the evidence room and all department investigations. Jesse was hired with Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in August 2010 and was assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. In January 2014, Jesse was promoted to Special Agent in Charge in the Madison Regional Office and oversaw the ICAC unit and Public Integrity unit. In February 2015, Jesse was reassigned to oversee the ICAC unit for the Western Region of Wisconsin, which includes the DCI offices in Madison, Wausau and Eau Claire. Jesse has conducted hundreds of investigations into the online sexual exploitation of children and has recently started to teach ICAC Investigations for Fox Valley Technical College and the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Catherine Cwirla (U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services - U.S. Probation Officer) has worked as a U.S. Probation Officer for the Western District of Wisconsin for nearly four years. She primarily works in the presentence unit and serves as one of the District's officer safety instructors. A University of Wisconsin Madison alumna, Katie graduated with high honors and as a Phi Beta Kappa member. At UW Madison, she completed an honors thesis in Legal Studies, the Acting Specialist Program in Theatre & Drama, and a certificate in Criminal Justice. Prior to her career in U.S. Probation, Katie served in Teach for America, teaching seventh grade at a Milwaukee Public School. During that time, she also earned her Master of Arts in Education from Alverno College.

Brad Davis (Police Officer, UW Madison Police Department) served 3 years (2010-2013) in the United States Army as an Infantryman with a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After being honorably discharged, he enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, NY, and graduated with a BA in Criminology (2014) and a Masters in Public Administration (2016). During college he interned with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. In 2017, he was hired as a Police Officer with UW-Madison. PO Davis currently serves as a 3rd shift officer (9pm-7am). PO Davis is a Police Training Officer, a crowd control team leader, and a member of the bike unit. PO Davis is from Texas, but grew up all over the world. During his off time, PO Davis enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, and playing golf.

Kelly Dougherty (Detective, Madison Police Department) has been with the Madison Police Department (MPD) for 12 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Legal Studies and a Certificate in Criminal Justice from UW-Madison. She has her master's degree in Emergency Services Management from Columbia Southern University. She obtained her law enforcement certification from Madison Area Technical College after she graduated college and started her career in the City of Fitchburg as a police officer. She has had roles in the department to include patrol officer, field training officer, training officer, peer support, to name a few. Currently Detective Dougherty works an afternoon shift, 2PM-10PM assigned to general investigations at the South District.

James Engels (Special Agent in Charge, WI Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation) is a 1990 graduate of the UW-Platteville where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He began his law enforcement career with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office (WI) where he held positions in corrections, patrol, and criminal investigations, ultimately conducting investigations into a variety of felony crimes. James later spent 7 years leading the Dodge County Drug Task Force, while also serving as a SWAT Team Leader. In 2006, James joined WI DOJ-DCI as a special agent where he functioned as the lead agent in multiple complex criminal investigations and served as a Joint Tactical Team Commander. In 2011, James was assigned as a Task Force Officer to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in the FBI-Madison Resident Office. He later returned to WI DOJ-DCI where he has supervised special agents investigating internet crimes against children, homicides, officer involved death investigations, cold case homicides, financial crimes, narcotics investigations, and public integrity matters. James is a coordinator of the WI DOJ-DCI internship program in the Madison Field Office.

Brooke Fearon (Probation and Parole Agent, WI Department of Corrections) graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Human Development Family Studies. Brooke works as a Probation and Parole Agent for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections in Madison. She specializes in Youthful Offenders which are offenders between the age 18-25. Additionally, she is part of the Trauma Informed Care committee where members talk about best practices in dealing with offender's past and current traumas as well as talk about how employees can prevent secondary trauma. Brooke helps train at Agent Basic Training which is the academy that new agents have to go through before they get sworn in as an agent. Before becoming a Probation and Parole Agent, Brooke worked at a Halfway House in Janesville, WI serving offenders in a residential setting. She taught multiple groups to fit offender's treatment needs. Brooke also volunteered in the Eau Claire County Jail teaching a Cognitive Behavioral Change group to incarcerated men. While in school obtaining her bachelor's degree, Brooke was the Project Manager and developed a presentation for incarcerated men and women in the Dunn County Jail educating them on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dorinda Freymiller (Special Agent, WI Department of Justice/Division of Criminal Investigation) is a lifelong Wisconsin resident. She attended the UW Madison and graduated with a degree in Women's Studies and a Criminal Justice Certificate in 1993. During her time at the UW, Dorinda completed volunteer work with the Dane County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit and had an internship with the State Public Defender's Office. Dorinda was hired by the DCI as a special agent in 1994 and has worked there since. She has worked in the Gaming Enforcement Unit, Major Crimes and has spent the majority of her time investigating Public Corruption and Financial Crimes. Dorinda has given numerous training presentations for investigators related to Financial Crimes, Bank Records, Sources of Information and Misconduct in Public Office. Dorinda has been active with the DCI internship program in the past and has frequently participated with DCI new employee interview panels.

Shannon Gee (Police Officer, City of Lake Geneva Police Department) graduated from UW-Madison in 2013 with a B.A. in Legal Studies and a certificate in Criminal Justice. While at UW-Madison, Shannon interned for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. After graduating, Shannon worked as a paralegal for a law firm in Milwaukee. She then attended police academy in Kenosha, and was later hired by the City of Lake Geneva Police Department as a foot patrol officer in March of 2016. Shannon was promoted to full time patrol officer in August of 2016.

Jessica Gillette (Deferred Prosecution Counselor and Community Service Coordinator, Dane County District Attorney's Office Deferred Prosecution Unit) earned her Bachelor's degree from UW-Madison in 2002 (International Relations and African Studies) and her Master's degree in 2010 from the European Peace University in Austria (Peace and Conflict Studies.) Having taught English as a Foreign Language at various higher education institutions and companies for 12 years, she relocated back to her hometown of Madison to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Madison Police Department (graduated in Spring 2017.) While serving as a patrol officer in the North and West districts, Jessica realized her passion lies with offender rehabilitation and criminal justice diversion. Working with the Deferred Prosecution Program for nearly a year, she's been tasked with community outreach and community service placements for DPP clients as well as maintaining her own active caseload. As a trained Community Restorative Court Peacekeeper, Jessica has participated in several restorative justice circles; maintaining the delicate balance between holding an offender accountable and honoring victims' rights and needs has proven to be a challenging and rewarding experience for her.

Ben Gonring (Attorney Manager- Juvenile Unit of Madison Trial, WI State Public Defender Office) graduated with high honors from the University of Notre Dame in May of 1993, earning a B.A. in Government. He received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, graduating with honors in December of 1995. Admitted to the Bar in January of 1996, he began working for the Office of the State Public Defender in June of the same year. He was honored with the agency's Outstanding Achievement Award in November of 1997. In 2005 he was given Dane County's Competency Builder Award, presented for "years of service and dedication to the kids and families of Dane County." He was presented in 2009 with the Ervin Bruner Award, given annually to someone in Dane County who has made "substantial contributions to juvenile justice" over their career. He has four times been named by Madison Magazine one of the Dane County's top lawyers in the area of Juvenile Law and was recognized by the Wisconsin Law Journal as one of 2018's "Leaders in the Law." Representing children in both delinquency and protective services cases, as well as parents in

termination of parental rights cases, he has worked in the juvenile unit of the Madison Trial office his entire career and has been the head of that unit since 2009.

Peter Grimyser (Detective, University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department) is a 1998 graduate of Marian University where he earned a degree in Administration of Justice. From 1993-1999 he was a in the United States Marine Corps Reserve assigned to Fox Company, 2/24th, 4th Marine Division in Milwaukee, WI. From 1998-1999 He worked for the Wisconsin State Capitol Police. Since 1999 he has worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department. He began his career working patrol on 2nd shift and later on day shift for two years as the South East Community Officer. In 2005 he was promoted to detective. From 2013-2017 he was assigned to the Dane County Narcotics Task Force. He is a Team Leader for the Dignitary Protection team and he is a member of the crowd control team.

Derek Hansen (Madison-area Urban Ministries) obtained his Legal Studies degree from UW-Madison in May 2018 after 8 years of incarceration experience in the Wisconsin prison system. He was the resource chair of the UW Live Free student organization and participated in Circles of Support through Madison Area Urban Ministry (MUM). After graduation, he became a Certified Peer Support Specialist through the Department of Health Services. At MUM he works with individuals facing the challenges of re-integrating into society after incarceration.

Ben Harvath (City of Green Bay Patrol Officer) graduated from UW-Madison and majored in Legal Studies, Sociology, and obtained a certificate in Criminal Justice. Ben interned for Diversified Investigations (Private Investigator, Diversified Investigations, LLC. www.diinv.com) in the summer of 2012 and also interned for the US Marshals Service in the spring of 2013. In May of 2013, Ben accepted a full-time role at Diversified. As a private investigator, Ben has investigated violent crime, white collar crime, workplace violence, background investigations, and civil matters. In May of 2016 Ben was hired by the City of Green Bay. After completing the 18 week law enforcement academy, Ben was sworn in as a patrol officer in October of 2016 and has been working in this role ever since.

Mike Klementz (McFarland Police Department, Detective) is currently a general case detective with the McFarland Police Department where he has been employed for over 27 years. I graduated from UW-Madison (On Wisconsin!) in 1991 with a B.A. double majoring in History and Geography. I was hired in November, 1991 by McFarland PD after completion of the basic recruit training academy at Madison Area Technical College. I have been a patrol officer, training officer, skills instructor, school resource officer, detective, and lieutenant during my tenure. I have served in my current assignment as a detective for 9 years. I attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2001 where I completed 3 months of coursework designed to enhance skills related to law enforcement supervision.

Elizabeth Lhost (Center for the Humanities, UW–Madison) is a historian of law and religion in modern South Asia and is currently a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in the Departments of South Asian Languages and Civilizations and History and is currently working on a book project focusing on the history of Islamic law and legal practice in British India. Her research and teaching interests include global history, legal history, South Asian History, and the history of Islam. Elizabeth’s research has been supported by the Fulbright student program, the Social Science Research Council, the American Institute for Pakistan Studies, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Mellon Foundation. She teaches with the Undergraduate Legal Studies Program at UW–Madison on topics such as law and religion, law and (in)justice, and Islamic law.

Brittni Liebhauser (Therapist, Norris) graduated from UW-Madison in 2013 with a B.S. in Rehabilitation Psychology. In 2016 she obtained her Master’s degree in Social Work and a certificate in Trauma Informed Care from UW-Milwaukee. Brittni currently works for Norris, a residential treatment facility in Mukwonago, WI serving adolescent boys who are court ordered to receive services based on their involvement in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Brittni provides individual, group and family therapy to a caseload of clients and their families, many of which have experienced a significant amount of trauma in their homes or communities. She and her Norris team are tasked with helping the boys and families develop copings skills and support systems so that the youth can transition safely from Norris back to the community.

Shawna Lutzow (Volunteer and Community Engagement Coordinator, Madison-area Urban Ministry) has a Bachelors Degree in Ethnic Studies and an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career at Madison-area Urban Ministry (MUM) in 2011 as an AmeriCorps member with the Circles of Support program, which is a volunteer program that supports people returning to Dane County after a period of incarceration. Shawna now coordinates several programs at MUM, including Mentoring Connections, a program for youth who have a parent in prison or jail, Family & Reading Connections, which takes youth to visit their mom at Taycheedah women's prison and records parents at both Taycheedah and Waupun reading books to be mailed to their children all over the country, and MUM's Returning Prisoner Simulation, which put participants in the role of someone newly released from prison to experience, hands-on, barriers people can face during their reentry.

Josh Mayers (retired FBI special agent, Madison Resident Agency, www.fbi.gov) earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice in 1983 from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City; a J.D. in 1991 from Kent College of Law in Chicago, IL.; and he is working towards a Masters Degree online in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity from Boston University. Josh is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at UW-Madison, Center for Law Society & Justice and he works as a private investigator and security consultant. He spent 34 years in law enforcement, including six years as a Police Officer/Investigator in New York City and 27 years as an FBI Special Agent. While in the FBI, Josh worked most investigative programs, including counterterrorism, violent crime and complex financial fraud. He had numerous investigative deployments to the Middle East and Africa, he was a SWAT operator, assistant team leader, firearms and tactical instructor and undercover coordinator. Josh has had four articles published, including: "Why Protecting Sources and Methods Really Matters" and "Catching a Chinese IP Thief: How the FBI Tracked and Caught Sinovel."

Tierra Merritt (AVID/TOPS Coordinator, Madison West High School) graduated from UW-Madison in 2017 double majoring in Psychology & Legal Studies--and also received two certificates in Education & Educational Services and Criminal Justice. In the summer of 2016, Tierra did her Criminal Justice internship for two restorative justice programs in Madison: The Dane County TimeBank Youth Court and the Community Restorative Court housed in Centro Hispano. Both programs work with high school youth or young adults who receive tickets in Dane County. She saw a need to combat the school to prison pipeline so she went on to work for the Dane County TimeBank's youth court program for 2 more years as the Youth Court Coordinator. Tierra is particularly interested in the intersections of Psychology and Criminal Justice, especially in developing youth. Eventually she decided she wanted to work with high school youth in a different context so she worked for the PEOPLE Program for a year. Currently, she is an AVID/TOPS Coordinator at West High School through the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. AVID is a college preparatory program designed to prepare underrepresented students to be college and career ready. In the future, Tierra plans to get a Masters in School Counseling or Mental Health Counseling because there is a serious need for counselors of color. One of her bigger goals is to get a PhD in Psychology and eventually become a professor in higher education.

Andrew Miller (Assistant District Attorney) was born and raised in Appleton, WI. I dropped out of high school my senior year (although I had largely stopped attending well before then), and obtained my GED in 2002. That same year I began my college education at UW-Fox Valley, and later transferred to UW-Milwaukee where I majored in Political Science and Philosophy. After finishing my undergraduate degree I spent a few years employed by a now-defunct nonprofit in the Milwaukee County criminal justice system, and worked primarily with individuals with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. In late 2008 I moved to Phoenix Arizona, where I spent the next four years doing social work with teens with substance abuse issues. In 2013 I enrolled in the UW law school, and graduated in December of 2015. Since graduating from law school I have worked in the Dane County District Attorney's Office, handling exclusively juvenile prosecutions and other related matters.

John Miller (School Resource Officer/Juvenile Investigator, McFarland Police Department) has been a Police Officer for the Village of McFarland Police Department for the past 18 years. Prior to that, he was a Tribal Police Officer for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. In his time with McFarland, he has worked in nearly every aspect of the department. John has been the School Resource Officer and Juvenile Investigator for the past 9 years. During this time, he has worked with various community groups, school organizations, and child protective services. John is also a firearms, Taser, and rapid response instructor. John is the lead crime scene investigator and property room manager for the department. He is currently a board member for the McFarland Youth Center.

Edjron Pearson (Juvenile Detention Superintendent/Dane County Juvenile Court Program) Graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1995. I was employed as a Psychiatric Aide for the Department of Mental Health while in college. I graduated and worked for the Missouri Division of Youth Services for 9 years in which I was certified as a Juvenile Sex Offender Counselor as well as an Adventure Based Counselor. Moved to Wisconsin in 2005 and worked as the Superintendent of the Rock County Youth Services Center for 8 years. During that time I assisted in the development of the alternative to Juvenile Corrections program. I am currently in my sixth year serving as the Juvenile Detention Superintendent of the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Overall I have worked approximately 25 years in the Juvenile Justice System.

Steve Porter (Attorney) has 30-plus years of experience litigating on behalf of individuals in state and federal courts, courts of appeals and administrative agencies. I am the past-Chair of the board of the Civil Rights and Liberties Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin. I have served two additional terms as chair of this board. I am a former member of the Board of the ACLU of Wisconsin. And, I am a member of the board of the Wisconsin Institute for Learning Disabilities and Dyslexia (WILDD). The January 2003 and January 2005 issues of Madison Magazine reported that I am one of the top lawyers in Madison, Wisconsin, in the area of civil rights and discrimination law as reflected by its poll of Madison lawyers. Specialties: I represent individuals in cases alleging deprivations of Civil Rights and Employment Discrimination

Brenna Puestow (Mental Health Officer, City of Madison Police Department) graduated from UW-Madison in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts, and a certificate in Criminal Justice. While in college, she was an intern with the Dane County DA's office in the Deferred Prosecution Unit, and was an intern at the City of Madison Police Department. She also worked at the Department of Justice in the Training and Standards Bureau. Brenna was hired by the Madison Police Department in 2016, and has worked as a patrol officer on the city's south side, as well as being a Mental Health Liaison Officer and a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer. This year, she started working as a Mental Health Officer on the city's east side.

Frank Raff (Attorney, WI State Public Defender's Office - Janesville) has been a trial attorney with the Public Defender's Office since October of 2015. In that role, he represents people charged with crimes and facing jail time in Rock County. Each year, he handles between 200 and 400 criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors (batteries, disorderly conducts, drug offenses) to serious felonies (sexual assault, homicides, etc.). He handles every aspect of the representation, from controlling investigations, to client interaction, to negotiating with district attorneys and eventually entering into plea deals or arguing facts in trials. He is a true believer in the goals of the Public Defender's Office, and is focused on ensuring a quality defense to anyone, regardless of how much money they have. Frank hasn't won any awards or been recognized by the state bar, but his clients usually think he's alright.

Elizabeth Schatz (Case Coordinator, Dane County Court Appointed Special Advocates [CASA]) graduated from UW-Madison in 2017 with a BA in Sociology and Legal Studies and a Criminal Justice Certificate. During her undergraduate studies she interned for CUNA Mutual Group in the Special Investigations Unit, looking into potential insurance fraud cases. During the last semester of her undergraduate career she began volunteering for the Dane County CASA program. Upon graduation, she was hired into the Case Coordinator role with CASA. Lizzy works with dedicated community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children and teens in Child Protective Services as well as Youth Justice System. Lizzy is responsible for volunteer training and coordinating the efforts of our CASA volunteers.

Sarah Seibold (Academic Advisor, Social Work—UW Madison) obtained a BA degree with Social Welfare and Psychology majors in 2011. Following graduation, she worked for a year as an Intake Specialist for Admissions at Rogers Behavior Health in Oconomowoc—which offers inpatient, residential, day treatment, and intensive outpatient treatment for eating disorders, OCD, addictions, anxiety and mood disorders for adults and children. She then went on for her Masters of Social Work with a focus in Mental Health in 2015. For her Advanced Clinical Field placement as a part of her MSW training, Sarah served a caseload of 8-10 outpatient psychotherapy clients treating anxiety and mood disorders, PTSD, and addictions at Journey Mental Health Center. Sarah is currently an Advisor for Undergraduate and Masters Students in Social Work at UW Madison. In addition to mental health, she is familiar with other services in the Madison area and other career areas in this field. These include: policy advocacy, hospice/aging, homelessness, juveniles/youth, addictions, corrections, child & family welfare, School Social Work, Medical Social Work, developmental disabilities, etc. Social Work is an incredibly versatile profession—there are many areas to practice in and you can

change your area of focus over your career! You will be trained to make change across levels—individual, group, family, community, and policy.

Julia Sherman (Coordinator, Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project, University of Wisconsin Law School) has spent her career working on public policy. Sherman served as Deputy Director of the Senate Democratic Caucus and later as the Director of the Assembly Democratic Caucus under Speaker Tom Loftus and then Speaker Walter Kunicki. In 2001, she began her work on alcohol policy at the American Medical Association, in the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. She was communications director for Reducing Underage Drinking through Coalitions, an AMA project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She later served as the national Field Director for the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth a project that conducted early measurements of youth exposure to alcohol advertising. Sherman's work focused on determining what policies and practices at the state and local level would reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising. After returning to Wisconsin, Sherman chaired the Alcohol, Culture and Environment Work Group of the Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and authored its final report, Changing Wisconsin's Alcohol Environment to Promote Safe and Healthy Lives. She has been part of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project since its inception. Since 2010, the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project has worked to fill the gap in the resources and guidance available to Wisconsin's municipalities on the policies that prevent or reduce alcohol misuse. The project provides training, tools and technical assistance to elected officials, community coalitions and local health departments to support local efforts to reduce alcohol misuse. Sherman is a graduate of Marquette University and served on the Middleton City Council.

John Sinclair (Conservation Warden Supervisor, WI Department of Natural Resources)

John grew up in the Kenosha area and graduated from UW-Madison with a double major in Journalism and Communication Arts, as well as a Criminal Justice Certificate. After college, John worked with the AmeriCorps national service program during which time he participated in natural disaster response and conservation work all over the country. John later returned to Wisconsin and took on a new role at the Wisconsin Union as their Alumni Relations Director. In early 2012, John was hired by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a conservation warden. John's first assignment was in Kenosha County, where he spent about four years working prior to transferring to the Dane County warden team in late 2016. In 2017, John promoted to the role of Conservation Warden Supervisor. John serves as the chairman for the DNR's Warden Recruitment Committee, is a member of the Keep Wildlife Wild Committee, and is a certified instructor for boat patrol operations.

Rick Spoentgen (Sauk County Assistant District Attorney and UW- Madison Police Officer) graduated from UW – Madison in 2008 with a B.S. in Psychology and a certificate in Criminal Justice. He was hired by the UW – Madison Police Department in October 2008 as a security officer, promoting to police officer in February of 2010. Rick worked as a police training officer and is on the motor unit; he worked at the department in a full-time capacity until early 2016 and continues to serve in a part-time capacity. Rick also attended UW Law School from 2011 until 2015, and – shortly after graduation – accepted a position as a sexual assault prosecutor in the Sauk County (WI) District Attorney's Office. He continues to work in the Sauk County District Attorney's Office and primarily handles cases involving crimes against children, drunk driving, and drugs.

Rachel Sweet (Paralegal, State of WI, Department of Justice, Criminal Litigation Unit) graduated from UW-Madison in December 2018 with a B.A. in Political Science and a certificate in Criminal Justice. Rachel interned with the Dane County Drug Court and worked as a caseworker for female drug offenders in Spring of 2016. Rachel also completed the Wisconsin in Washington study away program in Washington, D.C. in Spring of 2018. While completing this program Rachel interned in the United States Senate for Senator Tammy Baldwin. Rachel's most recent internship was with the City of Madison in their Human Resources department. She assisted in implementing a Paid Parental Leave policy for City of Madison employees and worked on initiatives to decrease inequality in the organization. While at UW, Rachel started a student organization called "Leading Women of Tomorrow" to empower, inspire, and prepare women for careers in public service. She currently works as a Paralegal in the Criminal Litigation Unit for the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Jacob Van Kerkvoode (State Public Defender's Office, Assistant State Public Defender) attended UW-Madison and graduated in 2008 with a Legal Studies major and a Criminal Justice certificate. After undergrad, I went to law school at

Loyola University in Chicago where I was a Civitas ChildLaw Fellow, focusing in areas of the law that affect children and families. After graduating in 2011 I moved back to Wisconsin and have worked for the trial division of the State Public Defenders Office in Sheboygan since. I handle a variety of cases, including criminal, juvenile delinquency, termination of parental rights, abuse and neglect, and mental health commitments at the trial level. I handle many types of cases but have a particular focus on advocating for children.

Lore Vang (City of Madison Police, Community Outreach Resource Education (CORE) Officer) Originally from Neenah, Wisconsin, Lore became a sworn Madison Police Officer in September of 2014. Currently, Lore is an officer with the Community Outreach Resource Education (CORE) Team, and a certified Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) Instructor. Lore also serves on the department Honor Guard, and is a recruiter for the department. Lore has over four years of police experience, and over eight years of working in public relations and college administration. In 2008, he obtained his Master of Science in Education with an emphasis on Student Affairs Administration. In conjunction with his undergraduate study in Public Relations, he has had the opportunity to utilize his academic training to work in higher education on college campuses building strong relationships, while promoting and designing specific platforms for successful learning. Lore is a firm believer in lifelong learning and adult education. He has a strong commitment to promoting the understanding of human differences, confronting implicit biases, and encouraging inclusion. Lore is determined to apply his previous academic experience in his current role as a police officer to develop relevant learning objectives and initiatives to contribute to continued excellence in policing. Currently, Lore takes care of two giant toads, and enjoys creating tasty combinations in the kitchen or on the grill. He has an affinity to creativity, and enjoys meeting new people.

Margaret Wienkes (Probation/Parole Agent) attended UW-Platteville and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice. I was employed as a Loss Prevention Officer and apprehended numerous shoplifters. I also worked for a major insurance company handling auto claims. I began my career with the Department of Corrections as a Probation/Parole Agent in Milwaukee where I supervised a wide variety of offenses and backgrounds. I worked on the west side of Madison supervising sex offenders on probation, parole or extended supervision in Dane County. I've participated in CORE team meetings with law enforcement to determine the level of the special bulletin notice (SBN) sex offenders. I've placed offenders on GPS and alcohol monitoring devices. I conducted Halloween and homeless shelter checks. I've co-mentored interns and new agents. I worked with the special investigation unit (SIU) to closely monitor repeat violent offenders. I have been the Dane County Drug Court Treatment Program liaison agent for over three years.

Tara Wilhelmi (Lead Youth Coordinator, Focused Interruption Coalition & Volunteer Manager, Goodman Community Center) She has over a decade of experience as a volunteer manager in nonprofit settings throughout Madison. She invites you to ask her about ways you and any campus groups you associate with can get involved at the Goodman Community Center via volunteer projects, internships, and service learning opportunities. Tara is a return participant in our mentoring events. This year she is proud to share details about her newest career advancement. She has joined a ground breaking local initiative to impact the cycle of violence and juvenile court involvement in our community. As the Lead Youth Coordinator for Focused Interruption Coalition she gets a chance to utilize her peer specialist credentials while supporting families and youth involved in violent, traumatic incidents.

Richard A. Williams (U.S. Probation Office) has worked in corrections for over 20 years. He started his career with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections as a Probation and Parole Agent in Beloit, Wisconsin. While there, he supervised a high risk caseload and wrote presentence reports on defendants who resided in a high activity geographical area. Later, he transferred to a Community Corrections office in Madison in order to act as a liaison for two certified drug and alcohol facilities that housed approximately 15 offenders. He then took a position as a probation officer with the U.S. Probation Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee. In that position, he conducted pretrial and post-conviction supervision as well as wrote presentence reports. In 2007, he transferred to the U.S. Probation Office for the Western District of Wisconsin and accepted a position as a presentence writer. In 2008, he began the duties of the Financial Investigation Specialist which required him to complete the presentence investigations in complicated financial cases. He is currently the Sentencing Guideline Specialist which requires him to provide guidance to other officers regarding changes in relevant case law and the computation of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.