

LAE & APS

Meeting

- **Next Meeting-Tuesday, January 18th, 6pm on MS Teams**
- **Membership**
 - We are trying to update our LAE membership records. We want to make sure that you also appear as a member on Engage (the University's student organization site) as well on our GroupMe account for communication.
 - If you received an invite from Engage please accept it.
 - Several of you have also not paid your 202-22 dues to LAE headquarters. This needs to be done to count you as an active member. You should have received something in the mail for ACJALAE, but if not, you can contact them through their website at
 - <http://www.acjalae.org/index.html>.
 - New members can apply in January. The deadline is January 31, 2022. For APS go to: <https://louisville.edu/justice/Student-Information/alpha-phi-sigma>. For LAE go to: <https://louisville.edu/justice/Student-Information/lambda-alpha-epsilon>.
- **Congratulations to our December 2021 Graduates and Congratulations to Our Outstanding Undergraduate Student-Laura Fortin**
 - Laura was actively involved with LAE/APS from freshman year to senior year serving one year as secretary for LAE/APS, two years as LAE President and is finishing as APS President. She worked with Dr. Grossi in undergraduate research where she presented a poster at the Undergraduate Research Forum. She worked with Professor Losavio in a collaborative effort participating in a talk/panel discussion and creation of a display board about the Hong Kong Protests. She was also instrumental in a collaborative effort with the UL Art department for our first annual Justice and Music (JAM) event. In addition, Laura graduated summa cum laude! Thank you for your service to our department Laura- we are proud of you!



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Sandy Wade: Administrative Support in CJ

1. Who you are and what you do?

My name is Sandra Wade, I am married to my best friend, we are in our 40th year together. I have a beautiful daughter, her and her husband blessed us with a beautiful granddaughter last year. She is a joy and the light of my life.

I am in my 23rd year at the University of Louisville. I work triage in the Advising Department, setting appointments, working up STE's and program plans, and updating and tracking undergrads and grads in databases. I started at the university as the receptionist, that was a great way to learn the faculty, staff and what the Justice Administration NKA Criminal Justice and the university was all about.

2. Why did you choose the University of Louisville?

I was not afforded the opportunity to attend college out of high school and never dreamed that one day I would be working at a university much less the University of Louisville. The university has been very good to me, and I really enjoy working in the Criminal Justice Department. Since being at UofL I have earned a BS in Justice Administration and Sociology and a MA in Higher Education. I was also able by working at UofL to send my daughter through school to earn a BA in English.

3. One thing you love about working with students and staff

I enjoy problem solving and helping students achieve their goals and follow them in their academic career. What can I say about the staff, we are like family. We stick together through the good and the bad.

4. Anything else you feel you'd like to say?

I appreciate the opportunity I have been given at the University of Louisville. I feel they work with me through any difficulties I may have professionally and personally.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHT

Dr. Deborah Keeling: Past CJ Chair

1. What was your degree?

I have a Ph.D. in sociology from Purdue University.

2. What is your current job? Is this what you went to school for?

I am a professor of criminal justice at the University of Louisville, yes, it is.

3. What made you choose that position?

I enjoyed taking classes and learning while in college. I didn't know what I wanted to do when I graduated with my BS in sociology. I took a Criminology Class and the professor encouraged me to apply for grad school. I got a position as a graduate assistant and when I got my Ph.D. I was fascinated by the research process and teaching. I was over-qualified for other jobs so, became a college professor.

4. What made you want to work with Criminal Justice?

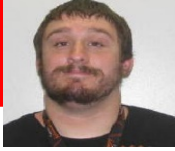
I became fascinated with the idea of social science, in that you could study human behavior and come up with research findings that might influence criminal justice policy and/or help to address crime in society. I wanted to not only conduct this type of research but to share scientific information about crime and criminal justice with students in the classroom.

5. Do you feel that your degree gave you the proper tools to help you be successful in your career?

My Ph.D. prepared me for my current career.

6. What information would you give or recommend to current students that you think would help them be successful?

They need to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Choose a profession that you will enjoy and find fulfilling. Try to make a difference.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Zach Page- Graduated May 2020

1. What was your degree at U of L and what is your current job?
My degree was criminal justice, my current job is a CTO, a classification treatment officer. Based on the inmate's case I designate how much custody or security they need for minimum to maximum.
2. Is this job something you went to school for?
Yes, I had to have the degree for the position.
3. What made you choose that position and why?
I wanted to go into corrections and the position looked interesting. Corrections stood out more because of the personal experience and it helps me understand why criminals commit crimes.
4. Do you feel that you U of L gave you the proper tools to help you be successful in your career?
Yes, with the help from my classmates' professors and the LAE organization, I was given the resources that were needed be successful in my career.
5. What information would you give to current students or recent graduates that could help them be successful?
Pay attention in class and in the world, it gives you a different perspective and watch what is happening around and take note. Be responsible and do your own research. "You can't be narrow minded in the criminal justice system"



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

EJ Lauter (They/ Them)

"I was informed that you recently completed an international presentation, could you provide a brief overview of that and how it went? Also, provide a background of your education and what made you pursue a master's degree in CJ? Is there any advice you would give current students? What are your future plans?"

"I presented my presentation "Education and Animal-based Prison Programming in the United States: A Comparative Analysis and Examination of its International Potential" at the 2021 European Society for Criminology's EuroCrim conference. The conference was on zoom and included attendees and presenters from all over the world, but mostly Europe. This presentation evolved from an independent study I did with Katie Hughes (a former doctoral student who now is teaching at Central State in Ohio). I'll be honest that originally, I enrolled in the master's program only to have some more challenging classes, and over time got more "roped into it". As cliché as it sounds, I just have a curiosity that wasn't being met in the undergraduate program. I'm a transfer student, so my road to UofL and the master's program is different. I graduated high school early and started college at 16 in California, where I'm from. I completed two years there and earned two associates degrees, transferring here in the Fall of 2020. I enrolled in the accelerated master's program, so I will complete my bachelors this December and then will continue to finish my master's. In terms of advice, I would give to other students, I think the biggest thing is to not underestimate yourself. I constantly underestimate myself and it just causes more stress. I would also say to take "risks". What I mean by this, is to say "yes" when opportunities arise. I applied to present at the conference on the assumption that my application would either be ignored or discarded. This was an incorrect assumption and I ended up gaining priceless experience through presenting. I plan on eventually getting my PhD in criminal justice and want to continue onto a research-based career."

General Reminders and Information

- Free Classes from CISCO!!
 - [Cisco Networking Academy. Build your skills today, online. It's Free - Cisco](#)
- Be on the look out for updates by ULPD
 - Our chief of police is making a move towards 21st century policing, officer re-training and improved rave alert systems.
 - <http://louisville.edu/police>
 - Look at their website to see offered services and updates on next semester and changes in safety for students!
- Upcoming Events:
 - Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Workshop-January 31st 5-6:30pm-MS Teams **Registration:** <https://bit.ly/3thsuKU>
 - LSAT Prep Workshop-February 2nd 5-6:30pm
<https://reach.louisville.edu/workshops/graduateexams/>.
 - CJ Alumni Council presents "The ABCs of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" February 9th 7pm on Zoom **Registration:** <http://uoflalumni.org/cj-dei>.
 - Cybersecurity-"A Virtual Chat with Black Academics Researching Cybersecurity" February 21st 6-7:30pm **Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- Reminders:
 - If you plan to graduate in May 2022 you need to apply for your degree. Go to Ulink>Graduation>Degree Application. Check the commencement website for additional information: <https://louisville.edu/commencement/>.
 - If you are interested in doing an Internship/Practicum in the summer or fall 2022, be watching for our virtual Internship Information Session coming in February.
 - Important semester dates can be found at <https://louisville.edu/calendars/academic/undergrad-grad>.