



# Newsletter Fall 2021



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A note from the editor...

**W**elcome to the Fall 2021 Term at ASTATE! The CSG department faculty and staff are excited to see the hustle and bustle of students on campus! With all the changes over the last year, I am happy to share some great news with you! We are on the cusp of a return to some semblance of normalcy. With the changes at the university level, we are also adopting changes within the department.



CSG welcomes our new Interim Chair, Dr. Kellie Buford, who will be taking the reins from her mentor, Dr. Gina Hogue. Additionally, Dr. Angelo Brown is our newest faculty member, joining us from Washington State as Assistant Professor of Criminology. Dr. Sanjeev Acharya will continue in the department with his recent promotion to full-time Assistant Professor of Sociology. Mr. Justin Gibson was recently promoted to full time Academic Advisor and will be collaborating with other departments to increase student support.

As we forge ahead, we embrace these new changes with strength, courage, and confidence. While the road to change is often scattered with bumps and detours, it is also filled with choices and memories. Make the memories you want to carry with you. Edith Piaf sang it best: “Non, je ne regrette rien” ... “No, I do not regret anything.”

Wolves Up!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Wanda'.

## Pack Preview 2021





## A note from the Interim Chair...

Welcome to the 2021-2022 academic year! As the incoming interim chair, I am thrilled for the opportunity to lead such a vibrant, diverse, and dynamic department full of outstanding faculty, staff, and students. My mission is to provide consistent, transparent, and fair leadership for the department, encourage and support faculty, staff, and students in attaining their professional goals, facilitate the collaboration of interdisciplinary relationships across the college and university, and build partnerships within the larger community and region to help facilitate internship and employment opportunities for our students. I believe in this department's mission and its ability to educate students and citizens about some of the most pressing social justice issues of our time. My door is always open to you and I encourage you to stop by the main office to visit, call, or email me at [kbuford@astate.edu](mailto:kbuford@astate.edu) to schedule a meeting. I look forward to meeting and working with you!

*Kelli*

Set yourself apart from the crowd!

Contact a faculty advisor for more information on becoming a member\* of Alpha Phi Sigma or Alpha Kappa Delta TODAY!

*\*Undergraduate and Graduate Requirements Do Apply*

Alpha Phi Sigma

Nu Omega Chapter

Criminal Justice Honor Society

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Alpha Kappa Delta

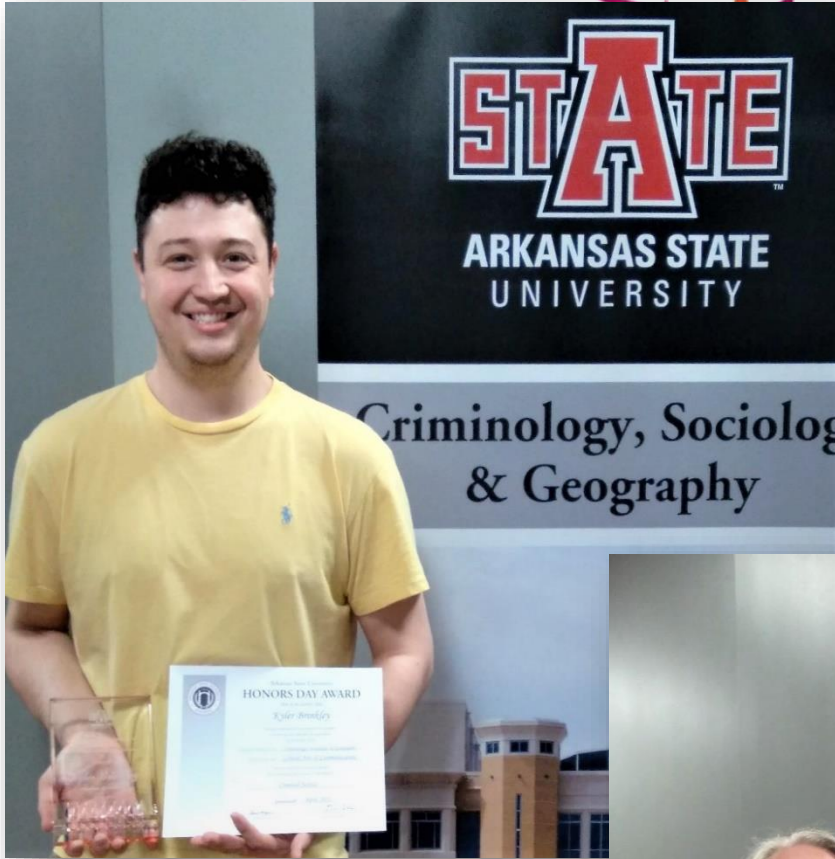
Beta Chapter

International Sociology Honor Society

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CONGRATULATIONS  
Spring 2021  
Convocation of Scholars



*Kyler Brinkley*  
MA Criminal Justice



*Desha Lewis*  
MA Sociology

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*Meta Schlimpert*  
BA Criminology



*Kaylan Erving*  
BA Sociology



Andrew Hyde and Lawrence Williams  
*Dr. Joseph Rukus Memorial Book Award Winners*



Grace Nelson  
*Dr. John C. Osoinach  
Scholarship Winner*

# Faculty Spotlight

The Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Student Paper Committee Division recently nominated and awarded A-State's Dr. Averi Fegadel, Assistant Professor of Criminology, for her article "*Toxic Colonialism and Green Victimization of Native Americans: An Examination of the Genocidal Impacts of Uranium Mining.*" This award recognizes exceptional scholarship by students working independently of faculty. In her nomination, she was cited for the "groundbreaking nature of the research endeavor in its attention to how certain forms of structurally generated victimization adversely impact racial and ethnic minorities... which is more than an accidental public health problem, but more precisely, an active form of conscious victimization."



Dr. Fegadel will receive her award at the 2021 American Society of Criminology meeting in Chicago. On behalf of the entire CSG Department, Congratulations Dr. Fegadel!



During the Law and Society Annual Conference, A-State's Dr. Della J. Winters, Assistant Professor of Sociology, emphasis in Criminal Justice, presented her findings. Drawing on 33 interviews of stakeholders in criminal justice, reproductive healthcare, state social services, non-profit organizations, and community organizers in Tennessee, her research highlighted the impact of converging state-based austerity practices and concluded the neoliberal "solution" led to the emergence of long-acting reversible contraceptives to control reproduction among criminalized people.



In a recent study co-presented by Dr. Sanjeev Acharya at the Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute, findings in the link between maternal gender discrimination and emotional/behavior problems among children 7-15 in a European cohort were discussed. He also co-authored articles in Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Reproductive Health examining caste differences in hypertension among women in India, and perception and practices of menstruation restrictions in Nepal.



# Welcome to CSG!



## Dr. Kellie Wilson-Buford

Associate Professor of History  
Interim Chair - CSG

Kellie Wilson Buford is an Associate Professor of History and served as the BSE Social Science Director at Arkansas State University for 7 years before becoming Interim Chair of CSG in 2021. Before she entered academia, she taught high school history and English as a second language. Her background as a military brat and a military spouse took her all over the world and planted the seeds for her research interests. Dr. Buford has won the College of Liberal Arts and Communications Faculty Research Award and, most recently, the University Faculty Achievement Award in Advising. Her publications have been featured in various journals and edited volumes including the *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Military History of the West*, *The Rise and Fall of Don't Ask, Don't Tell*, and the forthcoming *Managing Sex in the U.S. Military*.

After publishing her first book, *Policing Sex and Marriage in the American Military: The Court-Martial and the Construction of Gender and Sexual Deviance, 1950-2000*, in 2018, Dr. Buford started working on her current book project under advanced contract with University of Nebraska Press. Tentatively titled *Sexual Violence and American Military Justice from the Korean War to the Present*, the book maps the United States military justice system's historic policies and practices to manage crimes of sexual violence in order to contextualize current policy debates and offer effective solutions. Kellie teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on the twentieth century world, comparative women, gender, and sexuality, war, militarization and empire, US foreign relations, U.S. constitutional history, the history of food, the history of global diversity, and the history of policing, marriage, and the rise of the surveillance state. Kellie is a full-time mother of two amazing kiddos and five rescue pets. In her free time, she loves to garden, exercise, do DIY projects, and read whatever she can get her hands on. Kellie is excited to work with the amazing faculty, staff, and students in the CSG department.

## CSG GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Meta Schlimpert  
Christopher Pitts  
Ashley Brooks  
Sasha Burdsal  
Taelor Willie





# *Welcome to A-STATE!*

## **Dr. Angelo Brown**

**Assistant Professor of Criminology**

Angelo Brown received his master's at Arizona State University and his Ph.D. Criminal Justice and Criminology at Washington State University. His research and teaching in criminal justice and criminology are primarily on policy and policing from a comparative and intersectional perspective. Dr. Brown is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and a member of the Pullman Police Advisory Board. He is a research associate for the Division of Governmental Studies and Service, analyzing state patrol data. Outside of work, he enjoys mountain biking, martial arts, camping or just about any activity outdoors and in nature, as he spent many years as a camp counselor with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.



## **Ms. Stephanie Lintz**

**Temporary Part-Time Administrative Assistant**

Stephanie began attending Arkansas State University in January of 2011 and obtained her Associates of Science Degree, a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with focuses in Sociology, Social Work and Children's Advocacy. From there, she continued her pursuit of higher education, obtaining her Master of Arts in Sociology. She was a member of the honor society Delta Epsilon Iota. She has a seventeen-year-old son who will be attending Arkansas State University in the fall of 2021 to pursue an Electrical Engineering degree. She has two dogs, named Ace and Thea, who provide endless amount of entertainment. She has recently served as a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) at the HUB-Homeless Resource Center here in Jonesboro, AR. Stephanie has recently been employed part-time through A-State. Goals for the future consist of finding a permanent position and furthering her education for a second masters or a Ph.D.



# Department Promotions

## Dr. Sanjeev Acharya

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Dr. Acharya was promoted to full time Assistant Professor of Sociology beginning the 2021-22 academic year.

Sanjeev Acharya received his Ph.D. in Medical Sociology from University of Alabama at Birmingham. His research interests lie in health disparities, global health, socioeconomic status and health, gender and health, and quantitative methods. His research collaborations appear in *The Lancet – EclinicalMedicine*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities*, *Reproductive Health*, and *The Journal of Psychology*. He is a member of American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, and Mid-South Sociological Association. He also serves as a peer-reviewer in the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Aside from his teaching role, Sanjeev likes to meditate, explore the wonders of nature, learn the mysteries of our universe, and play guitar.



## Mr. Justin Gibson

Academic Advisor

Mr. Gibson was promoted to full time academic advisor beginning the 2021-22 academic year.

Justin Gibson is the academic advisor for the Criminology, Sociology, and Geography department, as well as History, English, Philosophy, and World Languages. He received his MA in Criminal Justice at Arkansas State University in 2019 and is currently working on an MS in Psychology with Southern New Hampshire University. His research collaborations appear in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* and the *Pennsylvania Geographer*. His MA Criminal Justice graduate thesis was entitled: "The Intersection of Cyberstalking, Gender, and Capable Guardianship." Outside of these things, he enjoys creative writing and reading nonfiction related to topics such as science and medieval history.





# Study Abroad Opportunity



## Your experience includes



*Round-trip airfare*



*Accommodations*



*On-tour transportation*



*Regional-style meals*



*End-to-end support*



*EF Global Learning  
Toolkit*



*Full-time Tour Director*



*Expert Local Guides*



*Guided sightseeing*



*Entrances*

For more information, contact Dr. Averi Fegadel at [afegadel@astate.edu](mailto:afegadel@astate.edu), contact the CSG Department office at 870-972-3705, or scan the QR code below.

