



# The Criminator

Newsletter of the UMCP Criminology & Criminal Justice Program  
at The Universities at Shady Grove



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at Shady Grove

**Happy Spring! We wish you a wonderful new year!**

## Spring 2017 Semester Important Dates

January 25  
First day of classes

March 20-24  
Spring break

May 11  
Last day of classes

May 12  
Reading Day

May 13-19  
Final exams

May 21  
Main Commencement

May 20  
College Commencement

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*We are pleased to introduce Kendra Grimmert, CCJS alumna, as she shares her experiences with studying abroad.*



The winter 2016 study abroad program I completed was in “The Land of Smiles,” Thailand. I applied for this program by completing an application on the education abroad website that is administered through University of Maryland, College Park main campus. I first received information about this program through Universities at Shady Grove (USG) weekly emails and also from advertisements posted around campus. The emails and advertisements encouraged me to speak to my department director, Dr. Stickle to gain more insight about the trip and determine if studying abroad is a good fit for me. The application process was beneficial because the questions allow you to think about how participating in this program will serve your long term personal and educational goals.

As a CCJS student, the trip was a useful educational tool for studying human trafficking more in depth. I was first introduced to the topic specifically when I took “Slavery in the Twenty First Century: Combating Human Trafficking” during the spring 2015 semester. This was the beginning of my journey for enhancing and developing skills that are applicable to my career interest in victim assistance with the FBI. The variety of activities from cooking class to visiting hill tribes enhanced my visit in ways that only a study abroad program can do because of its authenticity. Not only did I learn a lot about Thai culture, I also gained insight and knowledge about the human trafficking challenges faced in Thailand by listening to expert testimony and interacting with at-risk youth. Most importantly, I learned a lot about myself and adopted Thailand ways of life here at home by making more of an effort to live in the moment without worrying about tomorrow.

Studying abroad can be beneficial to students who want to explore meaningful subjects because it helps one gain understanding on how much the world is deeply interconnected. If a student is passionate about a specific topic, studying abroad will enhance their knowledge by opening their eyes to the fact that one country’s issues are all country’s issues. The best advice I can give perspective study abroad students is to first, consider your purpose, goals, and expectations of the trip, then speak to the program coordinator before applying. This communication will help determine if studying abroad is right for you. It is important to have the right intentions before committing to studying abroad to ensure a successful learning experience. The funding aspect of the trip may seem overwhelming at first but, there are scholarships available to help facilitate such factors. Aside from the scholarships, I created a personal fundraiser by sending out donation letters that told my story of why studying abroad is important to me. Friends, family, classmates, coworkers, even strangers, helped assist in making this trip possible. My passion is my purpose and studying abroad reaffirmed my aspirations of combating human trafficking.



*To learn more about UMD’s upcoming study abroad trip, check out page 5!*



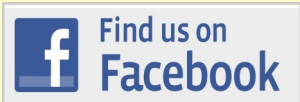
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**Questions about the CCJS program at USG?**



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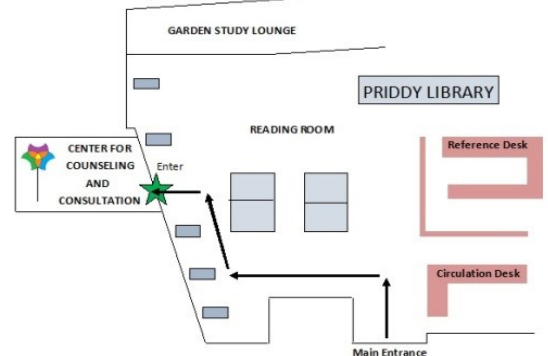


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### Did you know...

The Center for Counseling and Consultation has moved its office to Building III, Room 1134. The new entrance is located inside the Priddy Library against the left-most wall as you face into the Library from the entrance. Please refer to the map for more details. Call 301-738-6273 or stop by to make an appointment



### CRIMSA: A Great Way to Get Involved

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.



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### Course Sharing 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, education is enhanced through this unique course sharing program.

- 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) at: [wstickle@umd.edu](mailto:wstickle@umd.edu)
- STEP 3** Enjoy the diversity of courses and see your grades in the UMD student portal once the semester is over.

# Be an Intern for College Credit



Have you considered doing a CCJS internship?

Students in the program can earn one (1) college credit for every 45 hours of work with a department-approved employer.

Previous students have interned at local law firms, police departments, state and federal agencies, and more. Their experiences include administrative work, ride-alongs with officers, warrant and background processing,

*We are delighted to introduce you Mary Dillon, an alumnus in the UMD Criminology & Criminal Justice program at USG, who has shared some insights about her recent internship with the Montgomery County Commission for Women and Human Trafficking Task Force.*



## **How did you get this internship?**

I learned about this internship because Dr. Wendy Stickle, my program director, sent out an email with the opportunity. I then sent my resume to the email address that I was directed to. I would advise students to really read the emails that Dr. Stickle sends because they provide great opportunities.

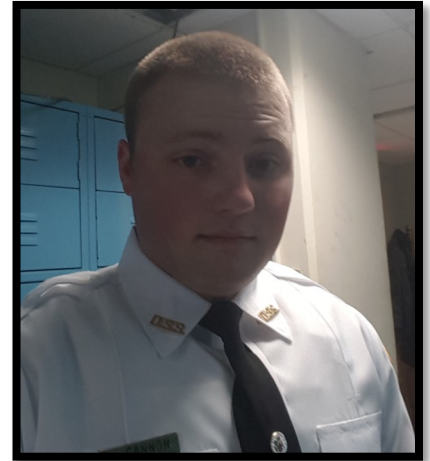
## **How did this internship enhance your learning?**

This internship gave me a chance to see people actually using the kind of information that I was learning in my classes to form policies and produce positive results in peoples' lives. I was able to meet and connect with people who were passionate about fighting against human trafficking and see that they were able to make a difference. It also really opened my eyes to how big of a problem human trafficking is in Montgomery County. I got a taste of what all the different departments in Montgomery County do on a daily basis. The skill that I improved the most was my communication. This internship really challenged me to speak out at the committee meetings even though I was the new intern.

## **What advice do you have for new students who have not yet had an internship?**

My advice to new students is to apply to internships because it gives you a hands-on and real life experience of what working in the field is like. You get to meet people and understand what goes on in their jobs and how they feel about it. I also suggest you apply early because the more internships you take, you will be better able to see where your skills fit in the most and what jobs you truly see yourself in.

## Alumni Interrogation: Patrick Cannon



### **Where are you currently working? What is your job title and duties?**

Currently I am employed by Intercon Security Solutions. But I work for the Department of State, specifically the Diplomatic Security Service / Domestic Facility Protection / Uniformed Division. My Official title is Diplomatic Security Officer. My duties vary day-to-day based on post. They range from running traffic control points and vehicle inspections to foot patrols, both interior and exterior, along with employee assistance and specialized tasks. While there are many other finer points of operations that we do, our overall mission is to safeguard the State Department and its personnel.

### **How did you find out about your current job? Describe the hiring process.**

I found out about the job through another former student from our program. The hiring process consisted of an application, an interview with background checks, and a month of basic training.

### **How has the CCJS program prepared you for your career?**

The CCJS program gave me the knowledge and experience in both the policing and counter terrorism to develop a solid foundation. With this base of knowledge, I can continue to build my expertise and skill set going forward in my career.

### **Were you able to apply & translate classroom knowledge to your current job?**

I have certainly applied knowledge that I gained from the CCJS program. For example, we work closely with many law enforcement agencies in the DC and Virginia area. The CCJS program taught me who these agencies are and how they operate, allowing me to work effectively and efficiently with these agencies and make a good impression.

### **How do you suggest students maximize potential job opportunities after graduation?**

Never take anything lightly. I initially got into a police academy which is what I wanted to do after graduation. But after a training issue I had to resign after completing only three months of training. This current position is not my final destination, but it has gotten me on the right track. Always explore any opportunity that may arise. Even if you don't take the job or plan to stay there for 25 years, it can always lead to better things. And finally: Network. Build good rapport and relationships. You never know whose reference will land you that dream job.

### **What are the next steps for you, in terms of your career?**

My next steps are two-fold. In addition to exploring opportunities with a few local police agencies, I am also exploring federal government opportunities with law enforcement and counter-terrorism since I am actively being investigated for a government clearance. Within the next few years I plan to get my masters in Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies. Eventually I hope to end up in counter-terrorism/counter-insurgency operations in either a foreign or domestic capacity, and... Well, who knows! Maybe I will teach and consult one day. But for now I am working on the current steps I need to take to set everything up.

### **Any words of wisdom for current CCJS students at USG?**

Always welcome adversity and learn from failure in your life. I have been a football player, a rugby player, trained with police and dealt with diabetes since I was 11, so I am no stranger to adversity. Always strive to challenge and better yourself. I am a very avid reader; my guilty pleasure is the Greek's, Romans, and Samurai. These warrior castes always pushed themselves so when the day came, they were ready. Don't debate with yourself and others about how to pursue your goals and desires—just do it, and the rest will fall into place. Don't be afraid to sacrifice what you are for who you will become.

Finally a quote I have always loved:

"Waste no time arguing what a good man should be. Be one." Marcus Arlieus

# THAILAND & CAMBODIA

## Human Trafficking in Context (CCJS)

### Quick Facts

<http://ter.ps/smithcam>

GPA:  
2.75

Program Dates:  
May 27 - June 13, 2017

Prerequisites:  
UMD and non-UMD sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students are eligible.

Program Fee:  
TBD



### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- During this course, you will be exposed to the consequences of and reactions to human trafficking in an international context, specifically in Thailand and Cambodia.
- We will travel throughout Thailand, spending time in Chiang Mai, Mae Sai, and Bangkok. We will also travel to Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- Highlights of the two-week trip will include cultural excursions, speaking engagements with knowledgeable people on the state of human trafficking in southern Asia, and volunteer work at the Development and Education Programme for Daughters and Communities Centre (DEPDC) and the Ponheary Ly Foundation.
- You will gain exposure to and an understanding of human trafficking in a way that is not possible in the United States.
- Students will be enrolled in the following three (3) credit UMD course: CCJS458A.

### WHO IS HERE TO HELP?

**Dr. Wendy Stickle** is the Program Director and the director of the CCJS undergraduate program at Shady Grove. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2009. She teaches courses related to research methods, criminological theory, juvenile delinquency, and human trafficking.

**Christine White** is the Co-Director and a faculty member in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. White earned her bachelor degree in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctor from American University Washington College of Law. White has taught in College Park since 2003.

For course, itinerary or in-country information, please contact Dr. Wendy Stickle at [wstickle@umd.edu](mailto:wstickle@umd.edu).

For general questions or assistance with applying, contact EA Short-term Programs: [eashortterm@umd.edu](mailto:eashortterm@umd.edu).

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