A warm welcome to all new faculty who joined FAHSS this fall

Welcome to FAHSS

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in welcoming a group of very talented and accomplished faculty members to our college. They join a vibrant community of scholars, artists, and teachers within the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at a very exciting time for the University. We look forward to their contributions toward enhancing the experiences of our students and to their successful careers at UML.

Luis M. Falcón
Dean

School of Criminology & Justice Studies

Sheldon Zhang will join UMass Lowell as Chair and Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies starting January 2017. He is internationally known for his work on transnational organized crime and human trafficking activities. He has led and co-led several projects that examine the different aspects of human trafficking in U.S. and abroad. He is currently serving as an expert consultant to several international organizations such as the International Labor Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Freedom Fund, and Walk Free Foundation. Zhang is also known for his long time collaborative efforts with correctional agencies in California to evaluate various offender reentry and recidivism reduction programs. Zhang has authored/co-authored seven books and edited volumes in premier academic outlets, such as Stanford University Press and New York University Press. Zhang has also published fifty two scholarly journal articles, thirty book chapters/invited articles, and twenty one technical reports. His work appeared in top journals in the field, including Criminology, British Journal of Criminology, Journal of Research in
Zhang received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Southern California. Zhang is currently a Professor of Criminal Justice at San Diego State University.

Kimberly R. Kras is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Kras received her PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice in May 2014 from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Kim's doctoral dissertation was entitled "Redemption or Condemnation? A Long-term Follow-up of Desistance Patterns of Sex Offenders." Kim's research focuses on issues related to offender re-entry, sex offenders, rehabilitation, life course theories, and gender. Kim was, most recently, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Advancing for Correctional Excellence! (ACE!) at George Mason University.

Arie Perliger is a Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies. He has studied extensively issues related to Terrorism and Political Violence, Politics of Security, Politics of the Far Right in Israel, Europe and the US, Middle Eastern Politics and the applicability of Social Network Analysis to the study of social phenomena. His studies appeared in four books and more than 30 articles and book chapters by publishers such as Columbia University Press among others. Perliger is the Editor in Chief of the journal Democracy and Security, member of the editorial board of Studies in Conflict and Terrorism and a regular reviewer for various publishers and Journals such as Columbia University Press, Chicago University Press & Journal of Politics among others. Perliger received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Haifa Israel (2007). Before joining UMass Lowell, Perliger was Director of Terrorism Studies and Associate Professor at the Combating Terrorism Center and Department of Social Sciences, US Military Academy at West Point.

Jill Portnoy is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Her research examines biological risk factors for antisocial and aggressive behavior in children and adolescents. Her primarily focus is on psychophysiological and hormonal risk factors for antisocial behavior, as well as interactions between these biological factors and the social environment. Portnoy is currently examining the results of a randomized controlled trial of nutritional supplementation aimed at reducing behavior problems in children. Portnoy received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania in 2015 and her M.Phil. in Criminological Research from the University of Cambridge in 2011.

Philosophy

Nicholas G. Evans is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy. Evans conducts research at the intersection of the life sciences and national security. He is best known for his work on the dual-use dilemma in the life sciences, where one and the same piece of research could be used to help or harm humanity; he is a member of the Cambridge Working Group, and assisted in a recent US Government deliberative process assessing the risks and benefits of highly risky virology experiments. Evans also conducts research on ethics and infectious disease, with a focus on global health security. His edited collection on the Ebola virus disease outbreak,
Ebola’s Message: Public Health and Medicine in the Twenty-First Century, will be released in September 2016. Evans completed his Postdoctoral Fellowship in Advanced Biomedical Ethics at the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy in the Perlman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Evans has also held positions at Charles Sturt University and Monash University in Australia, and served as a policy officer in the Australian Department of Health.

Political Science

Jarrod Hayes will join UMass Lowell as an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science with an additional appointment to the Program of Security Studies starting January 2017. Hayes received his PhD in Politics and International Relations from the University of Southern California in 2009. He has taught courses on International Relations theory, comparative national security, and international security. His research interests fit most neatly into the areas of international security and foreign policy analysis. His research focuses on the role of identity in the construction of security within democracies, although his research interests are considerably broader and include issues in environmental security, nuclear weapons proliferation, international rivalries, international relations theory, strategy and arms control, and regional level foreign policy and security dynamics in Europe, South Asia, and East Asia. His work has been published in the European Journal of International Relations, International Organization, and International Studies Quarterly. His book, Constructing National Security: U.S. Relations with China and India, was published by Cambridge University Press. Hayes is currently a tenured Associate Professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech.

Aaron Smith-Walter is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. His dissertation research assesses the utility of Cultural Theory in predicting the selection of particular public participation mechanisms by Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning staff in the development of their Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs). In addition to his dissertation research, Smith-Walter is also interested in the Narrative Policy Framework (NPF), policy analysis, public budgeting, public transportation, and the images of public administration in popular apocalyptic fiction. Smith-Walter received his Ph.D. from the Center for Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Tech in 2015.
Psychology

**Joseph E. Gonzales** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. He completed his doctoral training in Quantitative Psychology at the University of California, Davis under the guidance of Dr. Emilio Ferrer and Dr. Kevin J. Grimm. His current program of research is focused on the development and application of statistical models for longitudinal research in psychology and other social sciences. He is especially interested in the lack of coherence between nomothetic and idiographic approaches to research, and its implications for methods used to measure and analyze psychological phenomena. Some of Gonzales's more substantive interests relate to topics in evolutionary psychology, especially with respect to sex differences, intimate relationships, and hormones and behavior.

World Languages and Culture

**Hope M. Anderson** is an Assistant Professor of Spanish and lower-division Spanish Program Coordinator in the Department of World Languages & Cultures. Her primary area of research is technology integration in second language courses in higher education, specifically the blended (hybrid or partially online) model. She has also researched variation in Spanish in contact with English in the southwestern United States. Hope has a Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition & Teaching with a minor in Hispanic Linguistics from the University of Arizona, where she also coordinated the Spanish hybrid program.

**Mamadou Samb** is an Assistant Professor of African Francophone literature in the Department of World Languages and Culture. He is a specialist of Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature. He enjoys teaching courses on various topics in French and Francophone culture, literature and cinema. His research interest include Sub-Saharan, Caribbean, and North African Francophone cultural production (theatre, film, literature, and art of Sub-Sahara Africa and the Maghreb). Samb received his PhD from the University of Minnesota and his Masters degree from the University Cheick Anta Diop (Dakar).