Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year and the inaugural Applied Behavioral Sciences Master’s Program (ABS) newsletter! This has proven to be a time of much change and reflection for Wright State’s University Raider community, and over the past year the ABS program has seen some significant changes as well. First, of these many changes, was a change in ABS leadership. After helming the ABS program for a three year tenure, Dr. Jack-ie Bergdahl stepped down as Director. Beginning in the Fall 2016 semester I assumed her duties. Directing the ABS program proves to be no small feat, so we thank Dr. Bergdahl (fondly referred to as Dr. “B” by students) for her years of leadership!

One of the other major changes evident in the ABS program is our social media presence. Last year the ABS program created a Facebook page that allows alumni, current students, prospective students and faculty to share information and celebrate the achievement of our ABS community. Our Facebook page entitled “WSU Applied Behavioral Sciences M.A. Program” can be found at https://www.facebook.com/ABSProgram/. Additionally, the ABS website has been overhauled to improve visibility and this newsletter will serve as the first of many to come.

Last year’s incoming class were welcomed into the ABS program and assigned a peer mentor to facilitate their experience as a graduate student. The newly founded Wright Path Peer Mentorship Program is designed to foster academic excellence through peer-to-peer support. Peer mentors support their student mentees by encouraging them to embrace graduate school life and increase their knowledge about resources that will help them succeed. More information on the Wright Path Peer Mentorship Program can be found in the newsletter.

Probably one of the most notable changes that will place in the ABS program in the near future will be curriculum changes. The ABS program forged alliances with two undergraduate programs (Sociology (SOC) and Crime & Justice Studies (CJS) to create combined undergraduate and graduate degree programs (4+1 programs). These two 4+1 Programs offer a combined BA/MA degree program that allows students to earn a BA in Crime & Justice Studies or Sociology and a MA in Applied Behavioral Sciences in a total of 5 years. Students will take advantage of this unique opportunity starting this academic year (Spring Semester). More on the 4+1 Programs can be found in the newsletter.

Our current students are busy completing classes and engaging in fascinating research and thesis projects. Prospective students are encouraged to contact us with any inquiries about the program. Those among our alumni ranks, we thank you for being such great ambassadors for the ABS program. The past academic year has proven to be quite exciting and the 2017-2018 academic year seems to be just as promising!

La Fleur F. Small, Ph.D.
Director
Applied Behavioral Master’s Program
The Applied Behavioral Science (ABS) Master’s Program is an interdisciplinary program located in the College of Liberal Arts. The focus of the ABS two tracks in criminal justice and social problems are both academic and practical. This Master of Arts program will help you develop your knowledge of deviance, social science, social problems, criminology, and criminal justice. You will be able to investigate and develop solutions to real-world problems, which are skills coveted by potential employers. You will find this rigorous introduction to graduate education especially vital if planning to pursue a doctoral degree in criminology, criminal justice, sociology, or a related field. If you work or intend to work in police, probation, judicial, prison, social services, education, probation, or the judiciary or related fields or related fields, this program will enhance your research skills and your understanding of complex issues.

**Degree Requirements**

**Core Courses** *(15 hours)*
- ABS 7100 Research Methods I
- ABS 7110 Research Methods II
- ABS 7120 Applied Methodology
- ABS 7220 Seminar on Criminal Justice or ABS 7240 Social Problems
- ABS 7230 Modern Social Theory

**Electives** *(9 hours)*
- ABS 7600 Seminars Electives (1–3 hours each)
- ABS 7790 Internship (3 hours max; optional)
- ABS 7300 Special Topics (3 hours)
- Approved courses outside of ABS (subject to advisor approval)

**Project or Thesis** *(6 hours)*

**Total = 30 hours** (ABS courses meet evenings and weekends).
WRIGHT PATH PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

WHAT ARE PEER MENTORS?
Peer mentors are distinguished voluntary positions that are designed to provide support to new/incoming students throughout their graduate school experience. The goal of program is to foster academic excellence through peer-to-peer support. Peer mentors support their student mentees by encouraging them to embrace graduate school life and increase their knowledge about resources that will help them succeed.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS
Peer mentors have been positively identified by faculty and staff as a student in great standing and possessing great leadership skills. Mentors possess knowledge regarding campus and community resources which can be articulated and shared with the new students. These mentors also have a strong desire to assist new/incoming students with their personal and academic adjustment to the ABS program. Mentors are assigned a group of incoming/new ABS students and are expected to do following throughout the academic year;

- Assist new/incoming graduate students with their transitions
- Communicate regularly and effectively with mentees during the academic year
- Answer questions about academic life and refer students to campus resources

Mentees are expected to;

- Utilize their mentors by reaching out and asking questions (No man or woman is an Island!)
- Provide mentors ample time to get back to you and address your questions
- Remember that peer mentors are just one of the many resources provided by the ABS to help you through your graduate school process. Faculty and staff are great resources too!
COMBINED B.A. & M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMS (4 + 1 Program)

Admission Process

At the end of their junior year, students who wish to pursue a five-year combined B.A. / M.A. degree should submit to the Graduate School an application for the combined degree program. The combined degree programs are available to students who are completing undergraduate degrees in either Sociology or Crime & Justice Studies. Additionally, required documents include: (1) a WSU transcript; (2) A program of study approved by both the undergraduate advisor and ABS program director.

Admission Requirements

To participate in the combined-degree program, students must meet the following qualifications:

- Senior standing for the semester they start the combined-degree program.
- 3.2 or better cumulative grade point average on all undergraduate work
- Undergraduate advisor’s approval, and
- A recommendation from the ABS program to be accepted in the program.

Program Requirements

In order to earn both the B.A. and the M.A. degrees, students in the combined degree program must satisfy all coursework requirements for both degrees. Up to nine (9) semester credit hours of graduate electives at the 7000 level may be double counted and applied to both the B.A. and M.A. degree requirements. Please contact Dr. La Fleur Small at 937-775-2152 or lafleur.small@wright.edu to make inquiries about the 4+1 programs.
Meet the Wright Path
Peer Mentors

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STUDENT SUCCESS

Applied Behavioral Science Program Nominates Carole Ahossin to Receive It’s 2016-2017 CoLA’s Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Carole Ahossin is an international student in the Applied Behavioral Sciences Program that comes from Benin, West Africa. Ms. Ahossin was selected and has worked as a graduate teaching assistant for the ABS program for the past two years and her performance in this role has been exemplary.

Carole has obtained a Bachelor’s degree from Wright State and will complete her cumulating research project this summer. Her research project is entitled Marital Patterns and Economic Integration of African Immigrants and her research focuses on the marital patterns and economic integration of Sub-Saharan African immigrants in the United States. Carole’s future plans include pursuing a PhD. The Applied Behavioral Sciences Master’s Program is proud to recognize Carole by nominating her to receive the ABS CoLA’s 2016-2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

Applied Behavioral Science Program Nominates Avery Moeller to Receive It’s 2016-2017 Graduate Student Excellence Awards

Avery Moeller, B.A., M.A. is an excellent student who ensures his work reflects his best effort. Mr. Moeller was selected and worked as a graduate teaching assistant for the ABS program and his performance in this role has been exemplary. Avery’s Applied Behavioral Sciences Master’s culminating research project is entitled Nonverbal Communication in Early Adulthood. In this study Avery replicated a 1971 study by Ekman and Friesen regarding the recognition of six universal facial expressions: anger, happiness or joy, disgust, fear, surprise and sadness. Avery currently works as a Research Assistant at Wright State University, in the Center for Intervention, Treatment, and Addictions Research (CITAR). His work at CITAR is centered on a research grant designed to find out more information about individuals who use illicit opiates, in the Dayton Metropolitan area. The Applied Behavioral Sciences Master’s Program is proud to recognize Avery by nominating him to receive the ABS Graduate Student Excellence Award!
Graduates for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

**Fall Graduates**
Basim Fattah
Kenneth Graham
Jennifer Jones
Avery Moeller
Lisa Parker

**Spring Graduates**
Dawn Allen
Yvonne Christopher
Allison McFaddin
Justin Overman
Jasmine Moore
Michael Pena
Aaron Perkins
Ryan Tyler
Ettamarie Valdez

**Summer Graduates**
Carole Ahossin
Steven Gregory
Knowing Your Rights: Policing in America!

When: Nov. 8th, 6-8pm

Where: Student Union (Endeavour room)

Please join us for this much needed panel discussion examining policing from a multi-career perspective. This program is being dually sponsored between Wright State University’s Applied Behavioral Sciences Master’s Program (ABS) and Wright State University’s Bolinga Black Cultural Resources. Other sponsors include programs/departments of Sociology & Anthropology, Crime and Justice Studies, African & African American Studies, The Women’s Center, and the Department of Communications. The program will take place on Wednesday, November 8th in the Student Union (Endeavour room), from 6-8PM. Panelists will include; (1) **David Singleton**, Director of the Ohio Justice Policy Center (OJPC) and Professor of Law NKU Chase College of Law; (2) **Major Wendy Stiver**, a major in the Department of Central Patrol Operations Division in the Dayton police department and faculty member with the ABS program; and (3) **David Finnie**, WSU Chief of Police and faculty member with the ABS program.

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**David A. Singleton, Esq.**

David Singleton is a Professor of Law and the Director of Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Northern Kentucky University’s Solomon Chase College of Law. While serving as an educator, David Singleton is also a practicing attorney at law and the Executive Director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC). The OJPC is a non-partisan, nonprofit, public interest law office based in Cincinnati whose purpose is to reform Ohio’s justice system.

Mr. Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy Studies from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

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**Major Wendy Stiver**

Major Stiver is the commander of the Dayton Police Department Central Patrol Division. The Central Patrol Division is also tasked with Traffic Investigations, Immigrant Community Outreach and Special Event Management. As downtown Dayton experiences dramatic economic growth and rebirth as a cultural, outdoor recreation, entertainment and residential hub mingled with the central business district, Major Stiver has worked closely with community partners to change the culture of parking enforcement, improve customer service and implement tourism oriented policing principles. She credits professional and compassionate police officers assigned to Central Patrol along with strong community and business relationships. She holds a Master’s Degree from the University of Cincinnati in Criminal Justice and is also a graduate of the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College, Ohio Certified Law Enforcement Executive course and Senior Management
Knowing Your Rights: Policing in America!
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Institute for Policing. Major Stiver is an adjunct at Wright State University and teaches graduate courses in Applied Behavioral Sciences, to include criminological theory and seminars in race and police shootings, community engagement and homicide investigations.

David Finnie - WSU Chief of Police

In 1990, David Finnie began his law enforcement career as a police officer and supervisor at the University of Delaware. Arriving at Wright State University in 1999, David accepted the position of Police Captain. Subsequently he was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, Interim Chief of Police, and Chief of Police in 2014, having served twenty-eight years in academia policing.

David’s education, training, and service include a Master of Public Administration ('07); Master of Arts in Applied Behavioral Science: Criminal Justice & Social Problems ('04); and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice ('97). In addition, David has completed several nationally recognized law enforcement executive development and leadership programs and is a highly sought teacher and speaker. Currently a member of the Executive Board for the Joint Terrorism Task Force for the Southwestern Region of Ohio, David also served on the Government Relations Committee for the International Association Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and adjuncts at Wright State in Political Science and Applied Behavioral Science.
FEMALE INMATE POPULATION INCREASING IN GREENE COUNTY

An alarming number of women are being sent to the Greene County jail, most often for drug offenses. There are so many women in the jail that the county has had to expand its capacity for female inmates.

Rebecca Brown, a mother of three children, said she lost everything when her drug habit forced her to steal. "I want my family, what's left of it, because I don't have very much left," Brown said. Brown is among the growing number of women in the jail serving time for thefts, forgeries and drug trafficking.

The increased number of women serving time for drug-related crimes has forced the county to make changes. Maj. Kirk Keller, Greene County Jail Administrator, said just ten years ago the female population of the jail was only 10 or 15 percent.

"Over the last two to four years we are now at 40 plus percent," Keller said. Keller expressed interest in creating a facility that not only houses women, but also offers the treatment they need. Treatment programs and the space to house them will take time and money, which are not readily available.

Overcrowded conditions in the current jail have forced the county to release non-violent offenders early, including some women who were sent there for drug offences.

Dr. Karen Lahm, Director of Crime and Justice Studies at Wright State University, said those women are being released to the same environment that got them into trouble in the first place. "We've got to change what we are doing," Lahm said.

COUNTRY CONSCIOUS

Azadeh Jahanbegloo, senior lecturer at Wright State, says her native Iran has become an unfamiliar land

Hanging on her office wall in Millett Hall is a painting that depicts a carpet bazaar in 18th century Persia. It’s a reminder for Azadeh Jahanbegloo — a reminder of the joy of growing up in what is now Iran and the pain of realizing that she may never have another chance to go home again.

For the past 30 years, Jahanbegloo has taught sociology at Wright State University. She and her husband left Iran in 1976 to pursue educational opportunities in the United States and then had to remain on U.S. soil following the 1979 revolution that toppled the Shah of Iran and resulted in establishment of the Islamic Republic. A return trip to Iran could have meant prison or death.
And even though Jahanbegloo has been able to safely return to Iran a few times in recent years, she found it vastly changed — a strange, unfamiliar land. “I’m homesick because I didn’t say goodbye to my past,” she said.

Don’t get Jahanbegloo wrong. She is a U.S. citizen who loves America and calls it home. It’s just that the pangs of the past — her education-minded parents, her thrilling days at the University of Tehran, falling in love with her future husband and doing important social work for those in need — sometimes pull at her heartstrings. Jahanbegloo was born and grew up in Tehran in a lower middle-class home. Her father was an office worker. Her mother, a strong believer in education and “quite a feminist for her time,” pushed Jahanbegloo to pursue college. Jahanbegloo won a full scholarship to the University of Tehran, became a first-generation college student in a country in which only the best and the brightest are afforded the privilege of higher education and studied social work.

“I always wanted to find out more about what was going on in society and if there was anything I could do to help people,” she said. It was while waiting in line for a bus to take her to school that she met Hassan Rahmani-an, a fellow university student. Because public displays of affection between members of the opposite sex were frowned upon, the two would meet in the university library and study sitting side by side. Rahmani would bring rose flowers inscribed with love notes on each individual petal. “It was quite romantic,” Jahanbegloo recalled. “He couldn’t express himself freely in public.”

The couple became political activists, taking part in student protests against the shah in 1969-70, a very dangerous practice.

After Jahanbegloo received her bachelor’s degree in social work in 1974, she worked as a social worker in Tehran for several years. She had clients in schools, low-income housing projects, juvenile detention centers, prisons and even brothels. She also did rehabilitation work with people with disabilities.

In 1978, Jahanbegloo and her husband — who received a full scholarship to complete his doctoral program in political economy because he was the valedictorian in the master’s program at the University of Tehran — moved to the United States after he was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh. The couple expected to return to Iran after completing their studies, so they left their native land with just one clothing-filled suitcase. After the revolution in 1979, the new Iranian government terminated her husband’s scholarship. The couple feared returning to Iran. Some of their friends who did were arrested when they landed at the airport in Tehran. Two others were later executed.

Jahanbegloo’s husband received a teaching fellowship at Pitt, and the couple spent the next nine years in Pittsburgh. They obtained visas, green cards and finally U.S. citizenship. At Pitt, Jahanbegloo took courses in sociology, mastered English along the way, earned her master’s degree in sociology and nearly complete her Ph.D. After her husband obtained his Ph.D., he got a job at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, teaching courses in political economy and management. The couple moved to Ohio in 1986. That same year, Jahanbegloo joined the faculty at Wright State as an adjunct and over the years also taught at Miami University, Miami-Middletown, Wittenberg University, Clark State Community College, Wilmington College and the prisons in Lebanon and Warren County.

Jahanbegloo is currently a senior lecturer in sociology at Wright State and is teaching Introduction to Sociology. “Because of my personal experience, I came to realize that how important sociology is in having a clearer understanding of what is going on in societies both locally and globally,” she said. “It gives you tools that enable you to see things through a different lens.”

She said studying sociology also gives students an empathy for other people, an insight into their own lives and behavior, and a better understanding of how they can control their own futures. In addition, she said, it is a good way to acquire knowledge and make informed and smarter decisions in the democratic process. Jahanbegloo said the U.S. immigration ban executive order, if upheld by the courts, will affect Iranians. And even though she is protected by her U.S. citizenship, it makes her wonder whether she’s not welcomed in America because of her ethnic background.
ABS FACULTY UPDATES

Jessica Barnett PhD.
Dr. Jessica Barnett just recently had an article accepted for publication entitled “Intersectional Harassment and Deviant Embodiment Among Autistic Adults: (Dis)Ability, Gender, Sexuality” in *Culture, Health, & Sexuality*.

Marlese Durr PhD.
Dr. Marlese Durr was recently appointed as Contemporary Sociology's book editor! Contemporary Sociology, published by the American Sociological Association, publishes reviews and critical discussions of recent works in sociology and in related disciplines that merit the attention of sociologists.

Karen Lahm PhD.
Dr. Karen Lahm was recently promoted to the Rank of Full Professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at WSU.

La Fleur F. Small PhD.
Dr. La Fleur Small was recently promoted to the Rank of Full Professor in the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at WSU. She has been chosen as a 2017-2018 participant in this year’s Wright Leader Academy. Lastly, Dr. Small will serve as a speaker at this year’s TEDXDAYTON 2017 conference.

GIVE TO THE ABS PROGRAM

The College of Liberal Arts is at the very heart of the Wright State University experience, offering educational opportunities for nearly 3,000 students in more than 50 academic programs. The ABS is one of those many programs. You can make a positive impact in the lives of these students and their fields of study by making a gift to a scholarship or program listed below. When you choose a fund, you will be directed to the online giving page to make your secure credit card gift to Wright State University.

Thank you for your gift to the Applied Behavioral Master’s Program!

- **Applied Behavioral Science Program Fund**

https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/applied-behavioral-science/connect/give-to-applied-behavioral-science
ABS Alumnus Focuses on Outcomes

David Emerald Womeldorff is co-founder of the Bainbridge Leadership Center, where his passion is supporting individuals, teams, and organizations in leading and working from an outcome-focused and passion-powered orientation. His principals and frameworks are based on over 30 years of experience working with a wide range of individuals and organizations.


Womeldorff also serves as an Executive Coach and is faculty on the Executive Integral Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. His TED* framework is also included in Notre Dame's Management and Leadership Certificate e-learning program.

Womeldorff earned his Applied Behavioral Science degree from Wright State University in 1989. Ten years prior to that, he designed and earned his own undergraduate degree called Community and Communication at Wright State. He now resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington with his wife and business partner, Donna Zajonc, MCC.

ABS Almuna Making an Impact

Applied Behavioral Sciences Alumna, Candice Flowers-Taylor is making great student impact and academic strides. Professor Flowers-Taylor currently teaches as full time faculty in both the WSU’s Sociology & Anthropology department and the ABS program.

In addition to making a difference in the lives of students, Professor Flowers-Taylor is working toward the completion of her doctoral studies in Leadership and Change at Antioch University. Most recently, she presented on a panel at this year’s 2016 Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference. The title and abstract of her presentation was “Using Active Learning to Teach Applied Sociology”. The presentation focused on introducing students to sociological frameworks and methods in active classroom settings to better equip students to critically apply those concepts personally, politically and socially. This method of teaching allows students to become world citizens who approach and engage their chosen fields or careers equipped with the ability to apply social science perspective in ways that are significant to them individually.
ABS ALUMNI UPDATES

Many of our ABS Alumni have gone on to work in applied fields, work in criminal justices fields, serve as educators, or pursue doctoral programs. Here are some highlights from a few ABS alumni we have heard from. We would likewise like to hear about your family, work and educations achievements and include them in the next newsletter. Please send updates to lafleur.small@wright.edu.

Candice Flowers-Taylor
Candice Flowers-Taylor currently serves as full time faculty in the Sociology and Anthropology Department and ABS program. She is currently in her second year of a doctorate program at Antioch University Graduate School of Leadership and Change.

Emily Hill
Emily Hill is currently working as a case manager with Clark County assisting persons with developmental disabilities.

Erica Neace
Erica Neace has accomplished one of her career goals and has been working as a Sociology Instructor in Greater Dayton Area. She currently educated future leaders at Edison, Clark, and Sinclair Community College. This spring 2018 not only will she be an Alumni, also an adjunct faculty member for the ABS program. Her ABS 7600 (Weekend Seminar) is entitled “Grassroots Moments in Society”. Erica is currently working toward the completion of her Doctoral degree and is studying declining mobility and depressive symptoms amongst the aging population.

Lisa Parker
Lisa Parker is currently employed by Project Cure, Inc. in Dayton. Her career has afforded her the opportunity to work in an intensive outpatient program that provides medically assisted treatment in the form of the Opioid agonist (methadone). Much of the clientele is primarily women of all ages and backgrounds, including pregnant women. This this position is very applied and clinical, putting her ABS diploma to go use.

Tanisha Pruitt
Tanisha Pruitt is completing a PhD in Public Policy & Urban Affairs at Southern University and A&M College, in Baton Rouge Louisiana. She is currently completing her fourth semester in her Ph.D. program. This past summer Tanisha interned at the Educational Testing Services (ETS) and conducted research that she is hoping to publish soon. She is also working on the completion of other research and will be presenting at a conference in Colorado in January!

Connie Vellia
Connie Vellia attended graduate school in her 30’s with 4 children and excelled in the ABS program. During her last semester in the ABS program she interviewed and was accepted as an Adjunct Instructor for the Criminal Justice department at Sinclair Community College. Since graduating from the ABS program Connie works as a Youth Leader at Miami Valley Juvenile Justice Center, while concurrently holding a position as an Adult Probation Officer. Connie currently works as adjunct faculty in the ABS program and this Fall 2017 will be offering an ABS 7600 (Weekend Seminar) entitled “Juvenile Recidivism”.
ADJUNCT FACULTY

David Finnie, A Servant and a Scholar

It was the summer of ’79. With hair to his shoulders and a full beard, Newark, Delaware, high school student David Finnie had found his calling. A sophomore Serpico in his hometown’s Police Explorer program, Finnie was learning how to work investigations from real cops and he couldn’t have been happier.

“I’ve always known what I wanted to do. I was fascinated by the uniform, the cars, the investigations. I got into the Explorers and I felt important,” said Finnie, Wright State University’s new chief of police.

The pre-cadet program that introduces youths to law enforcement kicked off a successful and productive career that’s helped Finnie simultaneously serve his two loves: public safety and education. Finnie brings a wealth of experience gathered over a 25-year career in university law enforcement. He began working with the Wright State Police Department in 1999 as a captain and in 2005 was promoted to assistant chief of police.

“Dave has served effectively in a leadership role for University Police for 15 years. The hallmark of Dave’s work is great relationships with students, faculty and staff, which is essential to the nature of our police operation,” said Dan Abrahamowicz, vice president of student affairs. “Over the past six months, Dave has led the department as interim chief and has done an excellent job in a challenging situation.”

To those who know his background, it’s no surprise Finnie’s risen in the ranks leading public safety on a college campus. Both his parents were educators. His father taught for 35 years at the University of Delaware and retired as professor emeritus.

“I literally grew up in academia. It just rubbed off, the values that the academic environment holds dear,” said Finnie.

Finnie holds two master’s degrees, in public administration and criminal justice and social problems, and is a graduate of Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command—a nationally recognized law enforcement executive development program. A public servant and a scholar, he includes an invitation to speak at the Oxford Round Table at the University of Oxford in England among his accomplishments.

Finnie is also a member of the Executive Board for the Joint Terrorism Task Force for the Southwestern Region of Ohio. He serves on the Government Relations Committee for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and has been an adjunct professor at Wright State in political science and applied behavioral science departments for several years.

“I love academia, I love teaching,” said Finnie. “I remember my grandparents telling me once that I wasn’t college material and that I should go to trade school. I didn’t get mad, but it added fuel to my fire.”

Two weeks on the job as chief and Finnie is using his passion to point him towards his goals for the department. Focused always on relationships, Finnie wants Wright State police officers to be more visible and connected in the community both in personal and professional respects. Above all else, he wants the students to trust their officers.

“I like to make it personal,” said Finnie. “One of my kids is a college graduate and another is in school right now. I’ve always believed that for them to have academic success, they have to feel safe. I hate to think of a student missing out on their chance at an education, a chance to change their lives because of an unsafe environment.”

It’s a sentiment he knows resonates with parents too.

“On Move-In Day, one of the things that’s on the minds of all those parents on that important day is, ‘is my child going to be safe here?’ And I want them to know I think like a parent too. And that’s huge to me,” said Finnie.

When it comes to public safety resources, Finnie wants what all campus chiefs want—more officers, more lights, more cameras—but he also knows he’s got something many of his peers don’t have—a jurisdiction that’s already safe and connected with its community.

“This is a safe campus,” Finnie said. “And I think we can build on that.”
ADJUNCT FACULTY

Major Wendy Stiver

The Applied Behavioral Sciences Program is pleased to highlight Major Wendy Stiver. Major Stiver has worked as an adjunct faculty member with the ABS program for a number of years. Students have benefited from her experiences in law enforcement, by taking her ABS7600 classes in criminal justice, participating in internships and most recently by working with Major Stiver in the completion of research projects. The ABS program congratulates major Stiver on her on recent promotion to major within the Department of the Central Patrol Operations Division. Most recently, she was also selected to participate in the prestigious National Institute of Justice’s Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science (LEADS) scholarship program. In addition, Major Stiver was recognized the third week of September as Daytonian of the Week. Major Stiver is just one of many great faculty that help to shape and mold our ABS students. We proudly celebrate and congratulate her!

Ms. Julie Harmon

Ms. Julie Harmon was recently asked by the Supreme Court of Ohio, Judicial College to train Juvenile Justice staff on working with mentally ill youth and families. She began in August of 2017 and is scheduled to train again in 2018. During this summer, Ms. Harmon trained juvenile detention staff from Butler, Warren and Miami counties on working with mentally ill and trauma involved youth. In 201, she trained staff at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital on working with juvenile justice involved youth. In 2016, she also provided training to Dayton Public School educators on working with LGBTQ youth, focusing on STEM related schools. Ms. Harmon has been selected as a peer reviewer for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs including the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the past 7-8 years.

She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with a Supervision Endorsement (LPCC-S), a Licensed Social Worker (LSW), and a Certified Court Manager through the Ohio Supreme Court.
The Applied Behavioral Science Program offers a limited number of assistantships and tuition scholarships.

**Assistantships**
Assistantships include a waiver of tuition fees and a monthly stipend. Assistants are required to perform twenty hours of work a week (either assisting in teaching or research) and take six hours of approved course work per semester. Assistantship applications are available through the departmental office or by clicking on the link below (two letters of recommendation and your personal goals and objectives statement must accompany the application). Assistantships are generally awarded starting fall term. Generally, they will not be awarded to students who have received a conditional admission. Assistantship applications are due by March 1 prior to the Fall semester for which the student is applying.

**Scholarships**
Tuition scholarships include a tuition waiver and are awarded only to new students who enter the program with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4-point scale). Students on scholarship may be either part time or full time per semester. Interested students should directly contact the program director.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Fall**
- First Day of Classes
- Labor Day, University Closed
- Deadline to Apply for Graduation
- Veteran’s Day, University Closed
- Thanksgiving Holiday, University Closed
- Last Day of Classes
- Commencement

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SCHEDULES

FALL 2017

ABS7100-01  ABS Methods  Chigon Kim  R  6:30-9:10pm
ABS7120-01  Applied Methodology  LaFleur Small  T  5:30-8:10pm
ABS7230-01  Modern Social Theory  Jackie Bergdahl  W  6:10-8:50pm
ABS7600-01  Substance Abuse/Treatment  Julie Harmon  Fri/Sat  9/29 & 9/30 & 11/3 & 11/4
ABS7600-02  Police Militarization  David Orenstein  Fri/Sat  9/15 & 9/16
ABS7600-03  Juvenile Recidivism  Constant Vellia  Fri/Sat  10/27 & 10/28
ABS7602-02  Preparing for Your Thesis/Project  LaFleur Small  Fri/Sat  10/6 & 10/6

SPRING 2018

ABS7110-01  Methodology II  Karen Lahm  R  6:30-9:10pm
ABS7220-01  CRJ Seminar  Tracey Steele  M  6:10-8:50pm
ABS7240-01  Seminar on Social Problems  C. Flowers-Taylor  W  6:10-8:50pm
ABS7600-01  Mental Illness/Treatment & The CJ System  Julie Harmon  Fri/Sat  1/26 & 1/27
ABS7600-01  Survey Design  Chigon Kim  Fri/Sat  1/12 & 1/13
ABS7600-03  Grassroots Movements  Erica Neace  Fri/Sat  2/9 & 2/10
ABS7600-04  Critical Issues in Policing  Wendy Stiver  Fri/Sat  3/2 & 3/3
STAY IN TOUCH!

Please send us updates regarding your academic or professional career as well as any other interesting news.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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