

# LEANING FORWARD

**Other recent CJ specialty courses:**

- Critical Skills I and II
- Courtroom Action
- Crime in Film
- Victimology
- Civil Liability
- Fire Investigation
- Private Investigation
- Homeland Security

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

**COURSES BEING DEVELOPED AND RESTRUCTURED:**

CJ 309—CONSTITUTIONAL LAW—is a new course focusing on the major provisions of the U.S. Constitution. Students will explore the meaning of federalism, the doctrine of separation of power, and the role of courts in serving as a guardian of Constitutional rights and liberties of individual citizens. The course will also examine historical circumstances and events leading to the birth of the Constitution and factors that influenced the drafters.

CJ 221—CRIMINALISTICS—has been redesigned to include some of the new technology used in criminal investigations such as Faces and Map Scenes. The evidence found at



crime scenes is referred to as the "silent witness" and this course will focus on methods to extract all the information this witness has. At the conclusion of the course, students will work a crime scene, develop a criminal profile, apply for necessary warrants and brief their case theory to an attorney.

CJ 499—TERRORISM—was presented for the first time in SP 09. Students analyzed aspects of historical

and current terrorism. Some of the topics covered included the ancient roots of terrorism, the motivation of terrorists, the current vulnerability of modern democracies, global jihad and 9/11 events.

**COURSES RECENTLY ADDED:**

CJ 408 - SERIAL HOMICIDE –examines detailed case presentations which allow selected offenders to be studied in regard to modus operandi, offense behavior and victimology.

CJ 409- CRIMINAL PROFILING—examines behavior evidence analysis and practices including wound pattern reviews, psychological autopsies, and crime scene reconstruction in regard to unknown suspects.

## PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

**NALS COURSE OFFERED FOR THE THIRD TIME AT HUSSON**

NALS of Northeast Maine (Association for Legal Professionals) is providing instruction for the Basic Legal Studies course. This course addresses: Legal

Research; Accounting; Torts; Criminal Law; Family Law; Ethics; Bankruptcy; Real Estate Law; Estates and Guardianships; and Business Organizations. The students also receive the Basic Manual for Lawyer's Assistants which

is an valuable resource.

At the end of the course, students are able to take a 4 hour, 3 part exam on written communications; office procedures and ethics to obtain the ALS basic certification for legal professionals.



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB AND HONOR SOCIETY

The Criminal Justice Club has been very active again this year particularly seeking out activities for fundraising for community support.

At the end of the year, the club will be part of the party for those graduating and those being inducted into the Criminal Justice Honor Society—Alpha Phi Sigma.

### CLUB EVENTS:

#### FALL 2008

1. OPEN HOUSE
2. WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE—approximately 250 items including coats, hats, scarves and gloves were donated to Bangor Kiwanis

by the Club's collection of the items

#### SPRING 2009

1. OPEN HOUSE
2. CAR WASH FUNDRAISER—The Club will be creating a new scholarship fund from the proceeds for CJ and CJ/PY majors
3. ATTENDING TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

### OFFICERS:

President—Shanna Allen  
V.P.—Amanda Foss  
Secretary—Tiffany Harvey  
Treasurer—Carissa Harvey

### ALPHA PHI SIGMA

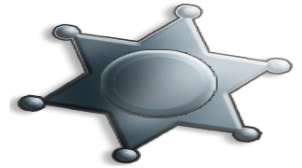
#### INDUCTEES:

Undergraduate students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA, be in the top 35% of their class and have completed at least 4 core CJ classes prior to induction; graduate students must have a 3.4 cumulative GPA and have completed 4 classes prior to induction.

2007— 14 students

2008—14 students

2009— 18 students



## NEW BUILDING

The Legal Studies Department officially moved in to the Meeting House in time for the new fall 2008 semester. Many of the School of Science and Humanities offices also moved into the building. Many of the classes are now being offered in the building with classrooms holding up to 40 students.

## PRE-LAW PROGRAM AND ADVISING

Students interested in pursuing a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree now have the opportunity to enroll in the Pre-Law program. This program combines a major in English with a Paralegal Studies certificate. Students will hone their writing, communication and research skills in

this program in preparation for law school. Additionally, the Paralegal classes will expose the students to many of the traditional law school subjects. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in an internship in a legally oriented setting and receive advising for their plans for law school admission.

## INTERNSHIPS CONTINUE TO TAKE SHAPE

Both CJ and PL students are finding success and future careers at their internship location sites. The number of students seeking out the experience of internships has grown substantially since 2003.

### RECENT LOCATIONS:

ICE  
Penobscot County Jail  
Penobscot County Sheriff's Department

Bangor Police Department  
Old Orchard Police Dept.  
Scarborough Police Dept.  
U.S. Probation Office  
Maine Juvenile Probation  
Spruce Run  
Bangor District Court  
Waterville District Court  
Skowhegan District Court  
Penobscot County Probate Court  
NH Bar Association

Office of District Attorney  
Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
Husson Safety & Security  
Seaboard Security  
New England Investigative Services  
Hancock County Dispatch  
Attorney General's Office  
Various Law Offices  
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)  
Hampden Town Office



## PARALEGAL CLUB AND HONOR SOCIETY

This year the Paralegal Club has been very active with a variety of events to include items related to community service as well as exposure to legal related field trips.

At Open House on March 21, 2009, the Paralegal Club will also be wearing their newly designed sweatshirts.

At the end of the year, the club will be part of the party for those graduating and those being inducted into the Paralegal Honor Society—Lambda Epsilon Chi.

### PARALEGAL CLUB EVENTS:

#### FALL 2008

1. TOUR OF BANGOR DISTRICT COURTHOUSE
2. ADVERTISING BENEFIT PASTA DINNER FOR NEW HUSSON UNIVERSITY
3. TOUR OF WARREN PRISON
4. OPEN HOUSE

#### SPRING 2009

1. ST. JUDE'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER
2. EARNING NOTARY LICENSES
3. ATTENDING TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
4. COIN DRIVE AND MID-TERM BAKE SALE- funds to

benefit Legal Assistance of Maine

### OFFICERS:

President—Lizbeth Fontaine  
 V.P.—Stephanie Bushmich  
 Secretary—Danielle McNally  
 Treasurer—Alex Huffman

### LAMBDA EPSILON CHI

#### INDUCTEES:

Undergraduate students must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have completed 75 credits prior to induction.  
 2007— 11 students  
 2008—3 students  
 2009— 2 students



## MEET THE FACULTY

**Marie Hansen** is a native to Bangor. She earned her B.A. in Political Science, with a minor in Public Administration and an Honors program degree from the University of Maine. She earned her J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. Marie continues to practice law part-time in criminal defense for the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals

in Boston, as a Guardian Ad Litem, and as an attorney for those in need of Guardianships in Probate court.

**Cornel Plebani** has worked for more than a decade in the field of mental health in both clinical and administrative positions in the service of those with psychiatric issues. He holds a B.A.

degree in Psychology and Sociology from Drew University and M.S. degree in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in Public Safety with specialization in criminal justice from Capella University.

**Please see p. 4 for John Michaud and Paul Morrow**

## AGENCIES AND FORMER STUDENTS PRESENT CAREER OPTIONS

During the Fall and Spring semesters the Legal Studies Department is contacted by and contacts other agencies and recruiters to come discuss career options with interested students. There is a variety of career paths that CJ and Paralegal students can use their degrees in, therefore, the best time to explore career options is early in the student's path of study.

### AGENCIES VISITING IN 2008-2009:

1. FBI
2. ICE
3. FEDERAL PROBATION
4. MAINE ADULT PROBATION
5. JUVENILE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS
6. MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY
7. BORDER PATROL

8. NALS
  9. BANGOR POLICE DEPT.
- In addition to hearing from the recruiters and spokespeople for the agencies and other employers, former students of Husson's CJ and Paralegal programs are always eager to come back to discuss their successes. They often return to talk to potential students at the two Open Houses held in the fall and spring.

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### **LAW DAY 2009**

May 1st is the national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all

American share. In honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, the theme established for Law Day by the ABA is Lincoln's Legacy of Liberty. Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president.

Students will be encouraged to explore Lincoln's legacy in many of their paralegal, criminal justice and history classes. The movie Young Mr. Lincoln (1939) will be shown to illustrate his prowess in the courtroom during the defense of two men unjustly charged with murder.



### **MEET THE FACULTY CONTINUED**

John Michaud received his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Francis College (now Univ. of New England). He also obtained two Master's degrees—one in Human Relations from Webster University and one in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He served in federal law enforcement with NCIS for 25 years, working specifically in the Terrorism division. After leaving the military he managed corporate security at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA for the International Olympic Committee. He later worked as a special consultant to the Boston Police Department. Prior to coming to Husson, John was V.P. in the Personnel division and later V.P. in Telesales at MBNA.

Paul Morrow received his B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Economics, Finance and Accounting from the University of Maine. He then received his J.D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center. Paul spent 6 years working in investments and finance followed by 12 years of working in litigation in the Bangor area at the District, Superior and Federal courts. Paul is also specially credited from writing the winning brief to the Maine Law Court that helped define the current Protection from Abuse law. Paul has also recently had a national publication focusing on the Enforceability of Contracts in Cyberlaw.