EEO News Feature

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In 2017-2018, the Experiential Education Office (EEO) had a busy and productive year! Students were participating in Service Learning Classes, being trained in the Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI) and completing academic internships in our local Potsdam area and around the country! Our staff in the EEO are fantastic professionals and below are some highlights of their accomplishments:

- Dr. David Bugg developed two new Service Learning courses. Mark Simon, WILD 550 Wilderness and Adventure Program Planning and Anna Sorenson, SOCI 105, Introduction to Social Justice
- Our graduating Cadets from the LETI have been hired at Norwood NY PD, Norfolk NY PD, Rome NY PD, Schenectady NY PD, Burlington Vermont PD, U.S. Army Special Operations, Dallas Texas PD, Raleigh-Durham North Carolina PD, New Berlin NY PD, and 2 have been hired at Gwinnett County Georgia PD.
- Implemented our $30,000 Firearms Shoot/Don't Shoot Simulator where our cadets spent multiple hours training
- Our L.E.T.I. program held a 6-hour academy viewing with 60 students from the Jefferson Community College and the North Country Community College. Due to this out of the box thinking, we were awarded the Colleges Recruitment and Retention Award
- Worked with Dave Evans from BOCES and Dr. Ewy from Biology to establish our first Phlebotomy technician class for our students here at SUNY Potsdam! 10 Students Completed the Program in spring 2018
- Worked with Doyle Dean to film and edit 15 videos on “What I Can Do with a Major in......” The 15 videos are now up on the Major/Minor Finder webpage. Here is an example: http://www.potsdam.edu/academics/majors/anthropology
- Megan Burke co-taught a major and career development course with Karen Kus for first year and sophomore students to help them on their path during college and afterward
- Megan Burke presented to 7 classes on the importance of internships and the summer programs our office has for students to partake in that reached over 210 students
- Worked with Katie Duel in the Alumni Office to establish first ever Day of Service for SUNY Potsdam students and Alumni

As can be seen by the aforementioned accomplishments, the Experiential Education Office (EEO) is dedicated to providing our SUNY Potsdam students with Applied Learning experiences to help each student achieve their academic and professional goals!
Meet Our Team!

**Toby White**
Director of Experiential Education

Dr. Bugg joined the sociology faculty at SUNY-Potsdam in 2007. His areas of emphasis include criminology and deviant behavior as well as inequality and stratification. He teaches courses for the criminal justice major as well as the sociology department. Dr. Bugg’s main areas of teaching include criminology, corrections, violent crime, comparative criminology, troubled youth, victimology and statistics. Prior to his current position Dr. Bugg was an employee of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) from 2002 - 2007. LEMIT is the largest state based training program of law enforcement officers in the nation, while there he taught courses in demographics, applied criminal theory, and diversity issues. He also served in a research capacity providing expertise regarding various research projects on issues relating to law enforcement. Dr. Bugg is an active researcher and routinely presents academic papers at various social science conferences at the regional, national and international level. He also chairs sessions at various conferences on crime and criminal justice. His research interests include: gun culture, hate groups, women and crime, policing, and corrections. His latest publications include: Hate Groups in the Network Society: A Transnational Social Movement available in the book Social Movements: Contemporary Perspectives (2008), Law Enforcement Officers Experiences with Pre-Evacuation Planning in Hurricane Rita available in Solutions to Coastal Disasters (2008), and his book, Gun Ownership over the Life Course (2008).

In 2010, Dr. Bugg was voted one of the top five professors at SUNY-Potsdam by Phi Eta Sigma. He has also been featured in the Washington Times (2010) discussing his research on gun ownership.

**Sonny Duquette**
Director Law Enforcement Training Institute

Sonny graduated from Franklin Academy in Malone in 1987, and then served in the US Army. In 1990 he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff, where he made his way through the ranks as a patrol officer until eventually being appointed to the SWAT team. From there he became a Field Training Officer, then a police academy instructor, a detective, and also Lead Tactical Training Officer. Sonny then became Road Sgt., and eventually made his way to Detective Sergeant of Major Crimes until retiring in 2012. Since 2012 he has been the Police Academy Director at SUNY Canton, then SUNY Potsdam.

Outside of work Sonny is an avid Martial Artist, and was actually inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2010.

**Megan Burke**
Experiential Education Advisor

Megan started working as the Applied Learning Advisor in November 2016. She graduated from Clarkson University with a BS in Communication in 2014 and graduated from SUNY Potsdam with a MS in Organizational Performance and Technology in 2017. Her favorite part about being the Applied Learning Advisor was working with the students one on one and helping them reach their goals. In May 2018, Megan left her position to pursue her passion in teaching and enrolled in the MST Childhood Education program at SUNY Potsdam.

**Annette Kelly**
Secretary

Annette has been an employee of SUNY Potsdam since October 4,2004 in the English & Communication and Philosophy Departments. She accepted a permanent position in the Office of Human resources and worked in that office for six years. In October 2010 she accepted a promotion to Secretary 1 in the Graduate Studies office. She has been with the Lougheed Center since July 2017. Since this was a brand-new position, Annette had a lot to learn about what her new responsibilities would be. She has been slowly creating this position from scratch, starting a procedures manual as well as organizing several years of budgets for International Education, Career Services, Experiential Education and the CAL overall. She has been working to streamline processes to make things easier in the office as well as with other departments we work with. Outside of work, Annette goes to church and loves her position there as the head of Hospitality. She has four grandchildren, Arianna 8, Mason 3, Alekxa 2, and 5 month-old Riley. She loves spending time with them as often as she can. She watches Arianna figure skate and play soccer, and Mason play soccer and hockey. Alekxa and Riley are too little to decide what sport they want to play yet, but Grandma will be there rooting them on whatever it is! She also exercises and tries to eat as healthy as she can.
Internship Organizations that Hosted SUNY Potsdam Students

SUMMER 2017
- Victim Assistance Services of Jefferson County
- Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office
- Double H Ranch
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Live Nation
- New York City School Construction Authority
- Turning Stone Resort Casino
- Rochester Museum and Science Center
- National Association of Music Merchants
- The Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital

FALL 2017
- Massena Central High School
- Canton Potsdam Hospital
- Balbuena Graphics
- Manhattan Libertarian Party
- Rose Hill
- CoisCeim Dance Theatre
- DeKalb, NY Historian’s Office
- Northern Area Health Education Center
- Metropolitan Opera
- Walt Disney College Internship Program

SPRING 2018
- Department of Social Services
- National Securities Corporation
- Dansr, Inc.
- KHS America
- Southside Travellers Action Group
- Samson Technologies Company
- The American Red Cross
- Saint-Lawrence Council for the Arts
- Akwesasne Cultural Museum
- Sauquoit Valley Central School District

58 New Internship Sites added to BearTracker

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON LABOR FOR UNPAID INTERNSHIPS
- $733,920
- St. Lawrence County: $232,504
- SUNY Potsdam: $385,440

Becker "Experience" Loughheed Center for Applied Learning
Service Learning Program

137 students completed a SL Class from fall 2017 to spring 2018.

EEO Highlights 1997-2018

- Total number of presentations: 67
- Total attendees: 2,206
- 2017-2018

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS!

SUNY Potsdam Law Enforcement Training Institute

FALL 2017
- Academy Cohort: 8 students
- Mid-Term Average: 97%
- Final Exam Average: 96.2%
- Overall Class Final Average: 96.9%
- Passed the Academy: 88%

SPRING 2018
- Academy Cohort: 11 students
- Mid-Term Average: 93.1%
- Final Exam Average: 87.6%
- Overall Class Final Average: 92.4%
- Passed the Academy: 91%