

CJ GRAD NEWS

September 2025

CJ EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS & RSVP!

**Monday, September 22,
9:30am–12:30pm, 2M70**

Research Workshop: “Sensing Justice: Embodied Encounters in Criminal Justice”
led by Drs. Anita Lam (YorkU) and Steven Kohm (UW)

**Thursday, September 25,
9:00am–12:00 pm, 2M70**

Research Workshop: “Identifying the value and limitations of lived experience in shaping criminal justice research”
led by Drs. Carolyn Greene (LaurierU), Marta Urbanik (UofA) and Katharina Maier UW)

To register for one or both workshops, please e-mail k.maier@uwinnipeg.ca and s.kohm@uwinnipeg.ca

**Thursday, September 25, 7 pm,
3C00 (doors open at 6:30 pm)**

Bonnycastle Lecture Series presents: *The Honourable Senator Kim Pate*, “Why & how we must heed the calls of the TRC & MMIWG to decolonize, decriminalize and decarcerate

**Monday, September 29, 2–4 pm,
2L17**

Applying for SSHRC/CIHR: Drs. Walby and Maier will host a workshop about tri-council funding for M.A. students.

To register, please e-mail k.maier@uwinnipeg.ca

M.A. ORIENTATION, FALL 2025

The CJ Department welcomed five new MA students at this year’s Orientation: Kailee Dumond, Lea Martin, Nicole Murdoch, Chibuike Nganya, and Maryann Nwosu. We wish you a productive and successful time!

Special thanks to Jenna McGregor for leading this year’s grad student discussion, and Landon Mellum for the event organization.



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Grad student news:

CONGRATULATIONS TO M.A. STUDENTS NICOLE MURDOCH & SARA PELLAND FOR WINNING A SSHRC RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP – MASTER’S PROGRAM

Nicole on her research: “In December 2023, the research I proposed for this award was titled: *Intersecting Systems of Control: A Qualitative Analysis of the Birth Alert System’s Impact on Indigenous Families in Manitoba*. By collecting and analyzing stories from Indigenous families, along with professionals such as social workers, healthcare providers, and law enforcement, the study aims to uncover how the system functioned, how it connected to the criminal justice system, and how it contributed to systemic inequities. Additionally, my proposed research sought to provide actionable recommendations for improving child welfare and criminal justice policy.”



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Sara on her research: “My research will aim to explore community perceptions about policing in Manitoba’s Indigenous communities, with a particular focus on the Manitoba First Nations Police Service (MFNPS). The study will involve a two part strategy, beginning with the analysis of transcript data from several major inquiries related to Indigenous Justice, such as the 1991 Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, among others. My intention is to follow this analysis with conversations with those living in MFNPS served communities, centering community voices rather than relying solely on crime rates and officer opinions, both of which are more heavily relied on in Indigenous policing research. The relevance of this study is highlighted by the recent opening of an MFNPS detachment in the community of Brokenhead Ojibway, exemplifying that the use of First Nations policing is an expanding practice within Manitoba and demonstrating the need for better dialogue around policing, authority, and governance in Indigenous communities.”

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Transforming Justice Conference:

MA student Elise Diplock presented her research at “Transforming Justice: A Joint National Conference of Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies” in Victoria, BC in May.

Congratulations, Elise! You can read more about Elise’s research and experience here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/news/2025/07/elise-diplock-criminal-justice-presents-at-transforming-justice.html>

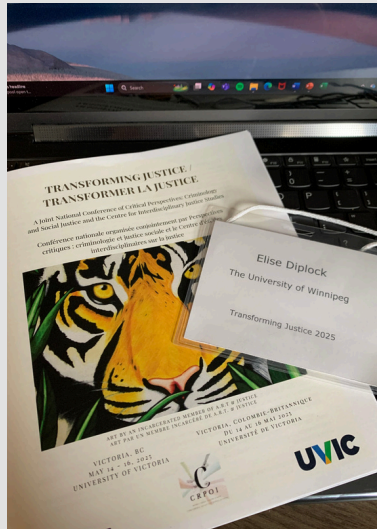


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QUESTIONS ABOUT CJ GRAD PROGRAM?

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NOTES & REMINDERS

Add your profile to our CJ website!

We’d love to include you & your research interests on the CJ Grad Studies Website. If you want your profile to be included, **please send Landon Mellum an e-mail with the following information:** Name, Education, Research Interests, Name of Supervisor, Email, Headshot (optional).

Please see <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/criminal-justice/graduate-program-and-courses/graduate-students.html> for examples.

Share your stories, experiences, accomplishments!

We want to share your stories, experiences, accomplishments, and so on with CJ faculty and grad students. If you want to **be featured in the next CJ Grad Newsletter**, please e-mail k.maier@uwinnipeg.ca!

Applying for a SSHRC-Master’s Scholarship?

Application Deadline: **December 1, 2025, before 7 PM CT**

Value: \$27,000 for 12 months, non-renewable

For applicant eligibility & info, visit:

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/cgrsm-besrm_eng.asp

& attend Dr. Walby & Maier’s SSHRC-workshop on September 29, 2-4 pm, 2L17

Graduate Student/Supervisor Expectation Form – due by the end of term!

Graduate Student/Supervisor Expectation Forms must be completed within the first term of study. A copy must be sent to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. You can find the form here:

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/docs/current-student/thesis-documents-and-forms/graduate-student-supervisor-expectations-form.pdf>

For questions about this form, please e-mail your supervisor directly.

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