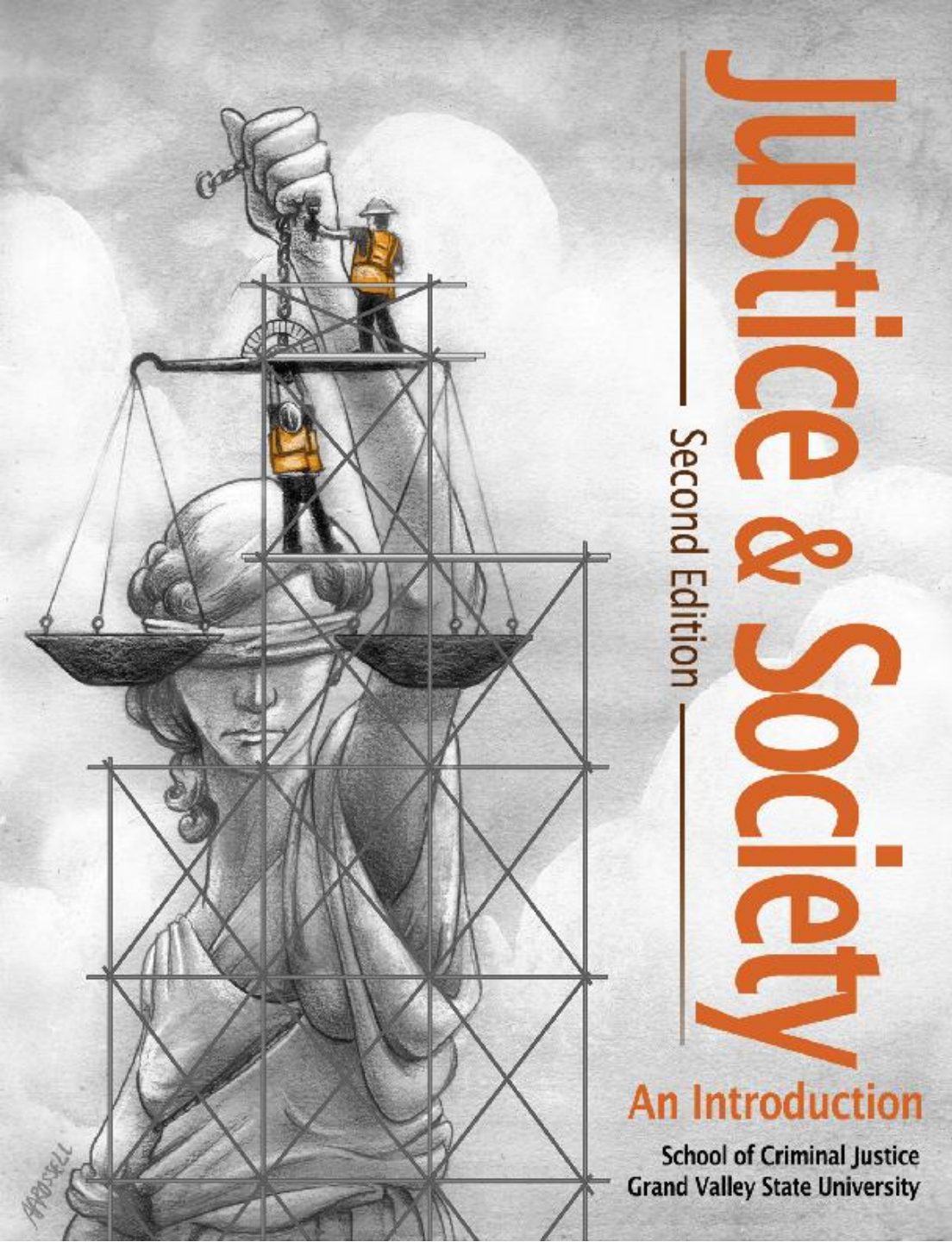


***SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY,  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND  
LEGAL STUDIES***

***Weekly Announcements  
March 11, 2024***



# **Extension of Scholarship Deadline- Urgent**

## **The Justice and Society Scholarship**

**Deadline has been extended until  
March 15, 2024**

**Apply today!**

**<https://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid/myscholarships-163.htm>**

# Pew Campus Winter Speaker Event - GSA Events Calendar – Graduate Student Association - Grand Valley State University (gvsu.edu)

## DESCRIPTION

We are excited to welcome **Mallory Kaysserian**, Crime Scene Investigator for the City of Grand Rapids, to our first Pew Campus speaker event! **Mallory is a GVSU alumni with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in Criminal Justice.** Mallory is a Crime Scene Investigator for the City of Grand Rapids, working out of Grand Rapids Police Department.

From collecting crime scene evidence to testifying in court, attendees will gain a firsthand glimpse into the fascinating techniques used to solve even the most perplexing cases!

Join us for an evening with appetizers, conversation, and networking.

Please register as seat are limited!

## CONTACT

gsa\_admin@gvsu.edu

GSA Events Calendar

PEW CAMPUS WINTER SPEAKER EVENT



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## DATE AND TIME

Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

RSVP

This event is free to attend.  
You can [RSVP for this event](#)  
until March 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM

[RSVP Now](#)

<https://www.gvsu.edu/gsa/module-events-view.htm?siteModuleId=B141850F-93E8-54FA-5863E2C3D14CD09F&eventId=3D3BC689-91C1-26C7-2A2F10E0DCCB0475>

## LOCATION

The Richard M. DeVos Center  
401 West Fulton Street  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

University Club - DEV107C



## Using a Virtual Reality Courtroom for Experiential Learning: A Study of Student Perception.

### Participants Needed for Research

To qualify for the study, participants must meet the requirements listed below:

- ❖ 18 years of age or older; and
- ❖ Meet one of the following criteria:
  1. Current GVSU students enrolled in Legal Studies courses;
  2. Current GVSU students pursuing a law-related program; or
  3. Recent graduates of GVSU's Legal Studies program.

This study explores student perception of using virtual reality as a form of experiential learning in Legal Studies.

In this study:

- ❖ Participants will complete a virtual reality courtroom experience and take a brief survey related to the experience.
- ❖ Some participants may be randomly selected to complete a follow-up interview.
- ❖ The anticipated involvement will be for approximately 30 to 75 minutes.

If you would like further information about the study or would like to schedule an appointment to participate, please contact:

Courtney Topic, Assistant Professor of Legal Studies  
616-331-6181, [topicc@gvsu.edu](mailto:topicc@gvsu.edu)  
Department of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies  
College of Education and Community Innovation



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Thank you for considering participating in this voluntary research!



## FEMINISM IN THE BACKLASH: THE POST ROE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

**Jessica Valenti**

**Tuesday, March 12**

**7:00 PM**

**Loosemore Auditorium**

Jessica Valenti is a fierce feminist advocate and author who focuses on reproductive rights and access to healthcare. Called "one of the most successful and visible feminists of her generation" by *The Washington Post*. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Salon*, and *Ms.* She is the author of the national bestseller *Full Frontal Feminism*. Her speaking style is informal and relatable, with an emphasis on making feminism funny, engaging, and enraging.



An opportunity for all Criminal Justice students (Major or Minor) to virtually learn about CJ internship credits and opportunities, connect with Academic and Career Advisors, and hear from current interning students.



Register on  
Handshake  
to receive the  
Zoom link

For more information, contact internship coordinator Laura Marsh at [marsla1@gvsu.edu](mailto:marsla1@gvsu.edu)

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# **INTERSHIP INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 13TH**

**12PM-1PM VIA ZOOM**



## **COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS WORK WITH MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON REAL COLD CASES!**

**We invite you to apply for our new Cold Case class!  
Requirements include but are not limited to:**

- 3.0 GPA
- Junior or senior status
- Apply and be interviewed.
- Consent to a background investigation
- Sign & comply to a confidentiality agreement.
- Commit to both Fall and Winter semesters (6 total elective credits)
- Class typically meets one afternoon or evening per week. Schedule TBD

### **COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS**

**Work with Michigan  
State Police on REAL  
Cold Cases**

**Apply now for Fall  
2024 & Winter 2025!**

**Limited Space!**

**Don't miss this  
unique opportunity**

### **APPLICATIONS AND QUESTIONS?**

#### **CONTACT:**

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buistcar@qvsu.edu

**616-331-7141**  
DeVos 277C





## **FORENSIC SCIENCE CLUB**

**FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GET INTO  
THE FORENSIC SCIENCE CAREER AND  
LEARN MORE ABOUT FORENSICS!**

**MAK BLL126 | EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 6-7 P.M.**

**CONTACT: [SMITSKYL@MAIL.GVSU.EDU](mailto:SMITSKYL@MAIL.GVSU.EDU)**





Announcing the **Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)** program at  
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
*Crime Analytics*  
May 27 - August 3, 2024  
<https://crime-analytics.uncc.edu/>

Would you like to earn **\$6,000** this summer to conduct research, develop data skills, and build your resume? Are you interested in presenting your work at a national criminal justice conference?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Data Science and Crime Analytics to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. This NSF summer program is designed for undergraduate students who want “hands-on” research experience and for those who are interested in pursuing graduate degrees or careers in fields such as Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Crime Analysis, Analytics, and Data Science. The program is targeted to undergraduate students who are rising sophomores and juniors. Nine students will be selected to participate, and students from underrepresented groups, HBCUs, and community colleges are **strongly** encouraged to apply.

Students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty from Charlotte’s Departments of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Geography & Earth Science, College of Computing and Informatics, and the School of Data Science. The REU faculty members are nationally recognized for their expertise in working with large data sets, data mining and manipulation, quantitative data analysis, and data visualization.

Student teams will work with faculty mentors in their research track for 40 hours per week to complete one or more projects during the summer experience. In some cases, students may work with a local criminal justice agency as part of their project. Students will present their research at a final luncheon, and could potentially submit a manuscript for publication.

Students will be paid a **\$6,000 stipend**, and will have their housing provided on campus, as well as an allowance for food. Students will also visit industry leaders in data technology and the CMPD Crime Analysis lab, and participate in social events.



The application is available on the program’s website at [crime-analytics.uncc.edu](https://crime-analytics.uncc.edu). **Reviews of applications will begin on March 4, 2024.** All materials must be submitted electronically. Please contact **Dr. Michael Turner: [Crime-Analytics@uncc.edu](mailto:Crime-Analytics@uncc.edu)** if you have questions.

# CAREER SERVICES EMPLOYER SHOWCASE

**Employer Showcase**: Several employer partners will be hosting weekly informational tables starting next week. Students and faculty are encouraged to stop by for casual conversations with professionals. Employers under the Human and Public Service community will host tables on ***Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 2 pm*** with location varying by month.

# ATTENTION STUDENTS: PLANNING YOUR ELECTIVES?

## CONSIDER EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH AN INTERNSHIP – CJ 490/491!

2024/2025 - WINTER / SUMMER/ FALL

- ✓ Gain valuable experience.
- ✓ Discover your career passion
- ✓ Demonstrate what you know
- ✓ Enhance your resume.
- ✓ Build your professional network.
- ✓ Grow personally & professionally

### Many options available:

- Safety & security (with credit scholarship).
- Juvenile justice
- Law Enforcement
- Victim services
- .....& MANY more!!

Contact Laura Marsh for further details.  
[marshla1@gvsu.edu](mailto:marshla1@gvsu.edu)



# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

**Academic  
Calendar**

**Banner**

**Blackboard**

**Career Center**

**CECI Dean's  
Office**

**CECI  
Undergraduate  
Advising Center**

**Course Catalog**

**GVSU Course  
Equivalencies**

**GVSU Forms**

**Handshake**

**Navigate**

**Police Academy  
Employment  
Opportunities**

**SCCJLS Job  
Opportunities &  
Internships**

**SCCJLS  
Scholarships**

**Veterans  
Network**



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