Welcome New Faculty Members 2020-2021!

Dr. Lin Liu joins the faculty of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as an assistant professor. Dr. Liu earned her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Delaware. She also holds an M.A. degree in Criminology from the University of Delaware and a M.A. in Law from the University of Science and Technology in Beijing, China.

Dr. Liu’s research and expertise revolves around criminal justice actors’ focal concerns, criminal offending trajectories, the heterogeneous needs of released prisoners, and quantitative methodologies. Her research has appeared in such journals as Crime & Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, and Sociological Inquiry. Prior to earning her Ph.D., Dr. Liu served seven years as a prosecutor in Beijing, China.

Dr. Candice Ammons-Blanfort joins the faculty of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice as a full-time instructor. Dr. Ammons-Blanfort earned her Ph.D. in International Crime and Justice from Florida International University. She also holds a M.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee.

Prior to academia, Dr. Ammons-Blanfort worked as an outreach program director for a non-profit organization. While serving in this capacity, she developed programs for high-risk adolescents who were prone to delinquency and violence. She is a certified victim advocate as well. Currently, she maintains the department’s online teaching resource guide and provides mentorship to first generation college students.

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a Ph.D. in International Crime and Justice, a M.S. in Criminal Justice, a B.S. in Criminal Justice, and a B.S. in Crime Science. For additional information please visit us online at cj.fiu.edu.