



**G**reetings to our CJ students, faculty, and LU community! On behalf of all in our Criminal Justice program, I am proud to report that the state of our program is strong, both in academics and extracurriculars.

I am encouraged to see the CJ program continue to grow after the pandemic. CJ students have enjoyed vibrant on-campus activities in student organizations since life has returned to normal post-pandemic. We are proud to see our 2022 Alpha Phi Sigma honor society cohort inducted to join our strong directory of successful alumni. Upcoming, we are also looking forward to CJSA's human trafficking conference in January 2023, supported by Lamar University.

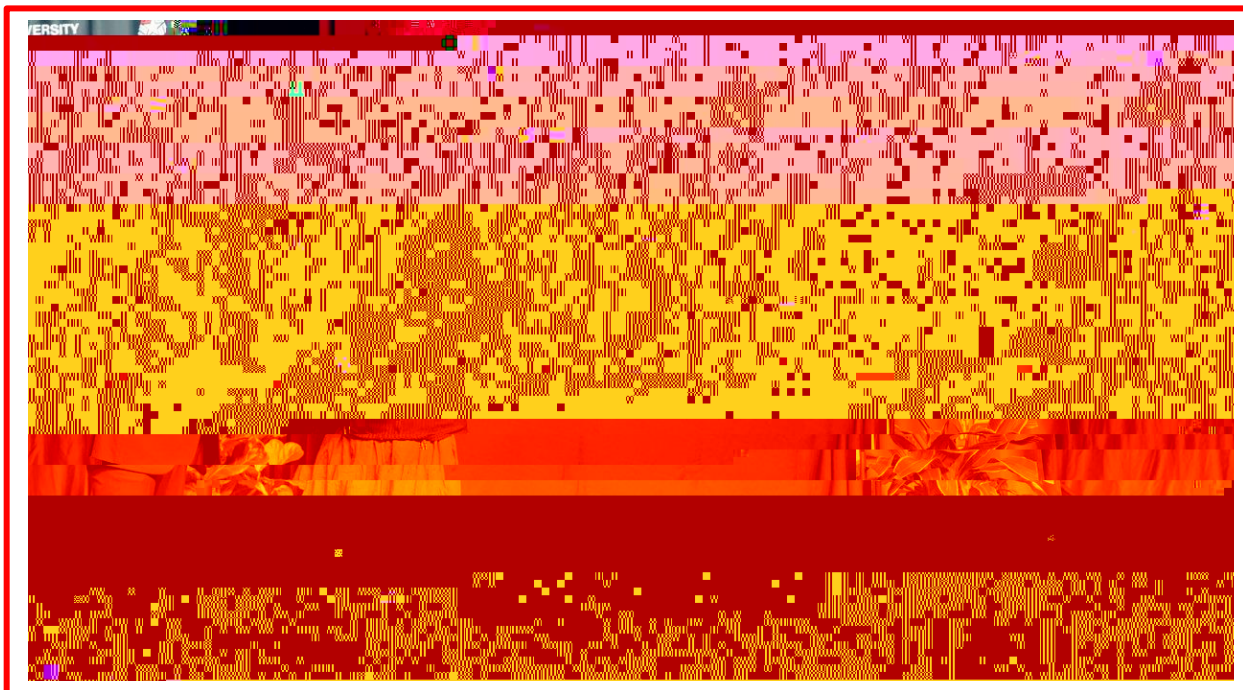
In Spring 2022, Dr. Sanaz Alasti hosted the first Death Penalty conference at Lamar University. Over the summer, our CJ program hosted two conferences. Thanks to Mr. Mark Broome and Ms. Karen Roebuck's hard work, the CJ program organized an FBI domestic terrorism training, and the Post-Disaster Emergency Management Conference (supported by the Resiliency Grant). The CJ faculty attended these conferences and contributed to the success of these conferences. Very recently, Ms. Roebuck and social work colleagues were also awarded the Mental Illness Diversion Grant that was featured in the recent TSUS News, as part of a LU Criminal Justice Faculty team. We are lucky to have such impressive faculty members!

As we enter 2023, I look forward to our program continuing to stay active, with festive events by both student organizations and our faculty members. In addition, we are looking forward to rebuilding our on-campus graduate program into one of that is the most robust in the country.

As this is first year of my tenure as your Criminal Justice Director, I look forward to rebuilding our on-campus graduate program into one



# Vidisha Promoted to Full Professor



Vidisha Barua Worley, Ph.D., Esquire was promoted to Full Professor at Lamar University effective Fall 2022. This makes her the third Full Professor in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, after Department Chair Stuart Wright, and Professor Robert M. Worley. A proud moment for the Division of Criminal Justice!

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began operating branch campuses in Port Arthur and Orange, which later became separate institutions. During the 1980s, the university was part of the Lamar University System.

During the Spring Semester 2023, Dr. Vidisha Barua Worley will be conducting an Oral History Project with her students as part of her Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRIJ 4380) class in Spring 2023.

Dr. Worley, who is a Faculty affiliate of the Center for History and Culture of Southeast







# CJ, RRA hold Training Workshop on Emergency



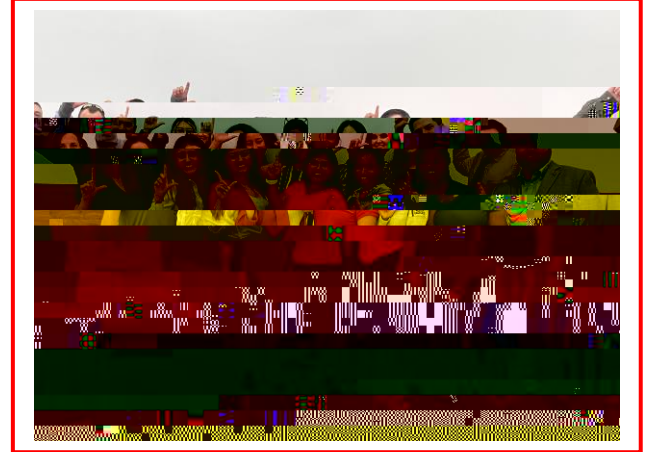
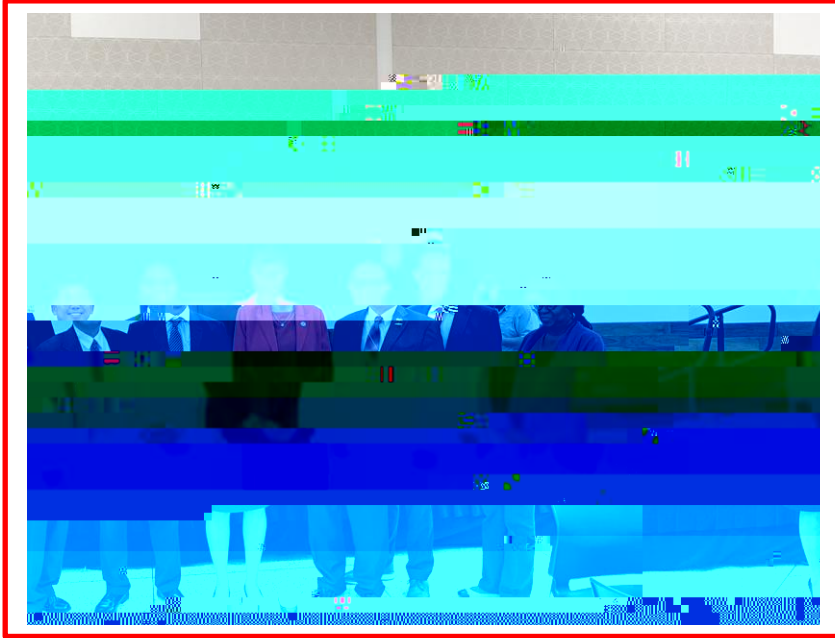








# FBI holds Training on Domestic Terrorism at LU



*Left: Ms. Karen Robuck, Dr. Cheng-Hsien Lin, Dean Lynn Maurer in red, Mr. Mark Broome, Dr. Lucy Tsado, and FBI Officers from Washington D.C. Above: Lamar University students who attended the conference.*

On July 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, the FBI Houston and Beaumont, joined together to host the Domestic Terrorism Training Workshop at Lamar University. Mr. Mark Broome, a former FBI Agent, was instrumental in collaborating with the federal agencies to hold the training workshop at Lamar University. Mr. Broome along with the FBI from Washington D.C. presented at the conference. The conference was funded by Dean Lynn Maurer of the College of Arts and Sciences. Ms. Karen Roebuck, Dr. Lucy Tsado, and Dr. Cheng-Hsien Lin took active part in the conference.

There were 131 participants from 38 organizations which encapsulated all 6 counties that FBI Beaumont covers and more. There were 159 persons registered before the training. All counties (Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton & Orange) in the FBI Beaumont Area of Responsibility (AOR) were represented at this training. Representatives from the following organizations participated: ADL, ATF, Beaumont Fire/Rescue, Beaumont Foundation of America, Beaumont ISD Police Department, Beaumont Police Department,

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office (FBI New Orleans: LCRA), Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas Crime Stoppers, FBI, Federal Bureau of Prisons: Investigative Department, Hardin County Emergency Service District 2, Hardin County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Constable Pct. 3, Houston Police Department, Jasper County Criminal District Attorney's Office, Jasper Police Department Jefferson County Sheriff Office, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar Institute Regional Police Academy, Lamar University, Lamar University Police Department, Louisiana State Police (FBI New Orleans: LCRA), Newton County Sheriff's Office Office of Regina Rogers, Orange Police Department Pinehurst Police Department, Port Arthur Fire Marshal, Port Arthur ISD, Port Arthur Police Department, Port Neches-Groves ISD, Silsbee Police Department, Sour Lake Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Transportation Security Administration, United State's Attorney's Office: EDTX, United States Marshal Service, Vidor ISD Police Department, and Vidor Police Department.

Tsado, L. & Kim. J. S. (2022). Assessing the practical cybersecurity skills gained through criminal justice academic programs to benefit Security Operations Centers (SOCs). *Journal of*



**RW:** Interesting. What was your impression of

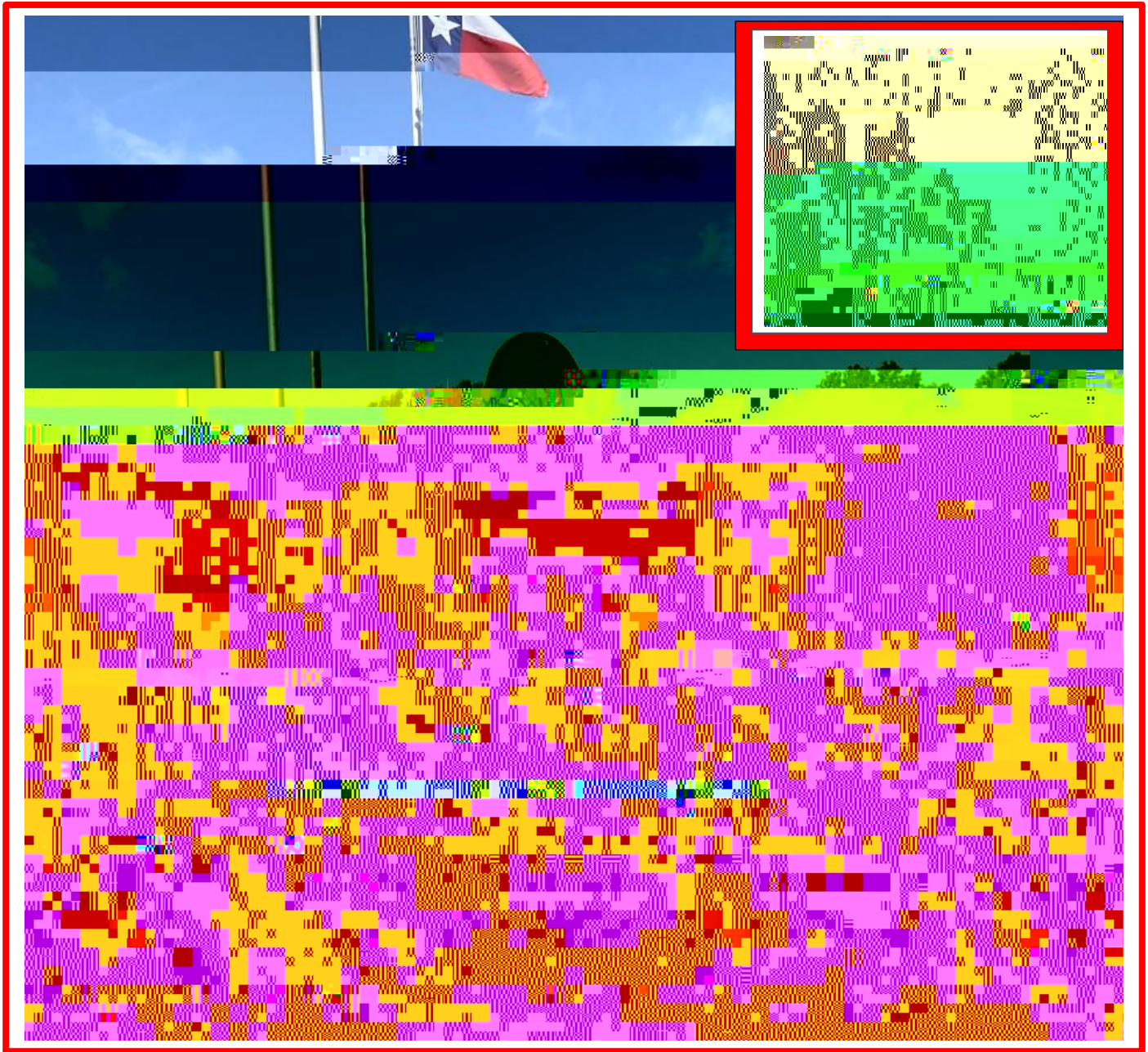


**BF:** For the most part, no. He asked tough questions, especially when findings went against prevailing conservative thought, but in my experience he always accepted such findings in his edited volumes. I heard the same from others, occasionally in print (e.g., Sherman, 2012). In his later years, his conservative ideology may have trumped his objectivity, as when he wrote a sharply worded dissent to a National Academy of Sciences commission on firearms and violence: "In sum, the evidence presented by Lott and his supporters suggests that Right to Carry laws do in fact help drive down the murder rate, though their effect on other crimes is ambiguous." The other members of the commission reviewed the same evidence and

Steve Schmidt and Rick Wilson. I am very sorry that he is not here to speak out for himself on today's threats to democracy, both at home and abroad. We could use his clear and convincing voice in these dark and turbulent times.

<sup>1</sup>**Brian Forst** is Professor Emeritus of Justice, Law and Criminology at the American University School of Public Affairs. He joined the AU faculty in 1992, following three years on the George Washington University faculty. Before that, he was director of

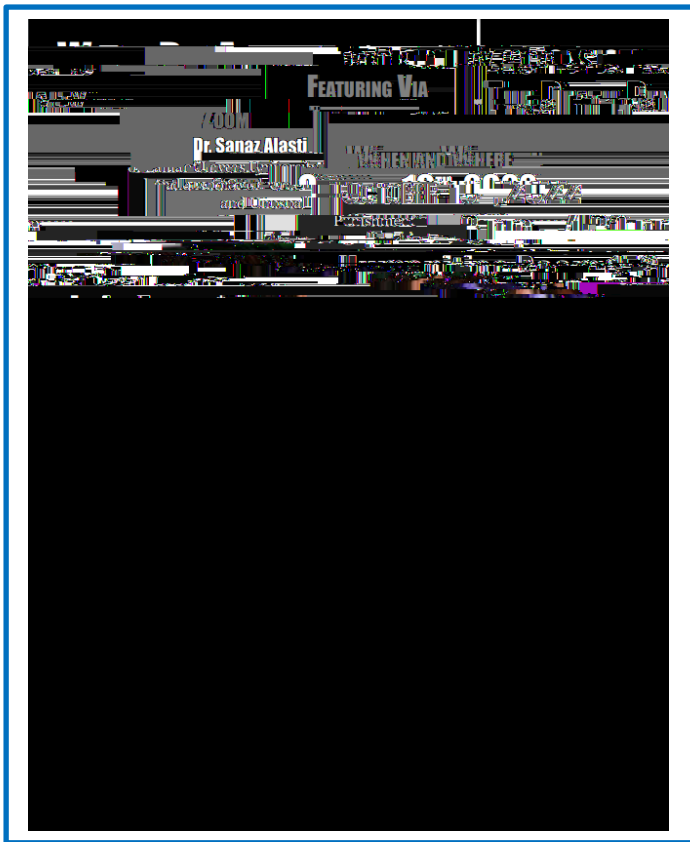


**PRACTICUM IN POLICING (PIP) ACADEMY 2022**

## 14 CJ Students Graduate From PIP Academy in 2022

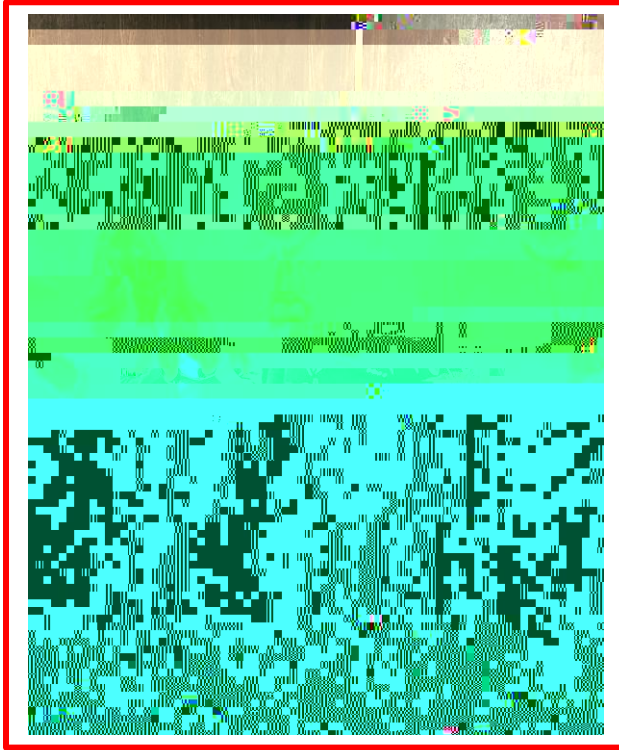
Taught by former FBI Agent and current LU Instructor Mark Broome, fourteen students successfully completed the Practicum in Policing Course (PIP Academy) (CRIJ 4313) which included both lecture and hands on experiential training about the changing world of policing. We are not aware of another Program that partners with a large police department for a full credit course which includes legal issues, self-defense, live firearms training , and many aspects of police culture. This course is of value not just to potential police officers, but any student interested in understanding where policing fits into the criminal justice system.

## Alasti talks at UK Parliament on Future of Iran



Dr. Sanaz Alasti was also invited by the University of South Alabama to talk about the death penalty for the World Day Against the Death Penalty on October 10.

## ACJA Students Bag Top Prizes at Regional Meet



The American Criminal Justice Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon Lamar Chapter attended the 2022 Region 2 Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Three of our senior students, Melanie Ramirez won the Second Prize in Upper Mental Health in Criminal Justice, Cade Tatum won the Second Prize in Upper Juvenile Justice and Second in Upper Police Management, and Mason ST/F31 g9r79.464 399.89 460.87 13.8 ref\* EMC /P MCID









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