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The College of Public Affairs and Community Service:

This is the time for transitions at universities. In CPACS, after 13 years as dean I have stepped aside, and Dr. Gaylene Styve Armstrong will assume the role of dean. She comes in very well prepared, having served admirably as Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) since 2016. I know she will do a great job. In addition, we have interim directors of the School of Public Administration (SPA) and SCCJ featured in the stories below. It will be a smooth transition in all three cases, and we will remain true to our motto to be “nationally ranked and locally engaged.” As the stories below demonstrate, on a daily basis we are doing applied research with community partners, providing professional training, and bringing students to the community through service learning. This is what makes our College distinct and vital.

As for me, I will go back to my role as professor of Public Administration, and on April 1 will assume the role of President of the American Society for Public Administration. Being dean has been the job of a lifetime for me, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this role. The College is as strong as ever because of an outstanding staff and faculty, and the support of many of you.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer,

John

John R. Bartle, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Gaylene Armstrong Begins as Dean of College of Public Affairs and Community Service on July 1

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, as the Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. Pending final approval by the President and Board of Regents, Dr. Armstrong will begin her appointment on July 1st, 2024.
UNO Appoints Dr. Yu-Che Chen as Interim Director of School of Public Administration

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve," Chen said. "Your encouragement and support have moved me from doubting my capability to embracing our potential for greatness together." This sentiment highlights his leadership style, which emphasizes collaboration and excellence.
Dr. Todd Armstrong Named Interim Director of UNO's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has named Dr. Todd Armstrong as the interim director of its School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Armstrong, who has a long academic and research career spanning more than two decades, is expected to enhance the school's reputation for quality and impact in research and education.
UNO Aviation Institute's Flying Mavs Place in Top Ten at National Competition

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Flight Team, known as the Flying Mavs, secured a commendable 10th place at the 2024 National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON). The event, held in Janesville, WI, during the week of May 13, marked the 15th consecutive year that the Mavericks qualified for this prestigious national competition.
UNO’s College of Public Affairs Excels in U.S. News & World Report’s Latest Graduate Program Rankings

In the latest release from U.S. News & World Report, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) College of Public Affairs and Community Service has once again showcased its excellence in graduate program rankings. This reinforces UNO’s standing as a premier institution for public affairs education. Notably, two of UNO’s programs have secured top ten placements nationally for the second consecutive year: Public Finance & Budgeting ranked sixth, while Local Government Management claimed the seventh spot. These achievements underscore UNO’s commitment to academic excellence and its role in shaping future leaders in the field.
UNO's Nebraska Center for Justice Research Addresses Prison Crowding and Classification

In response to prison crowding concerns, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) initiated a project in August 2021, supported by Legislative Bill 380 (LB380). Partnering with the Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR), the NDCS aimed to assess the classification and progression of individuals within the prison system. This legislatively funded project sought to identify inefficiencies within the NDCS system, particularly focusing on classification, and propose areas for improvement.
UNO Grace Abbott Training and Supervision Academy Enhances Nebraska Behavioral Health Workforce with BHECN-ARPA Grant

In a significant move to bolster Nebraska's behavioral health workforce, the University of Nebraska Omaha's (UNO) Grace Abbott Training and Supervision Academy has leveraged opportunities provided by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The school has successfully implemented Project REST (Reflect and Explore in Supervision Training) to support clinicians overseeing provisionally licensed behavioral health providers across the state.

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Exploring Pathways: UNL/UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Field Day

At the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, the second annual Field Day event, held April 1 on the Lincoln campus, provided an immersive introduction to the world of justice, tailored for those pursuing careers in criminal justice. Students engaged with many different law enforcement agencies and departments, delving into various aspects of criminal justice and gaining valuable insights and experiences essential for their future careers.

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University of Nebraska at Omaha Celebrates Graduation of Second Cohort in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Institute, recently celebrated the graduation of its second cohort in the Juvenile Justice Certificate Program. This important event took place May 1 at the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

Read about JJI
Jet Linx Aviation Institute Golf Classic

Event Details

- Date: August 5, 2024
- Time: 10:00am
- Location: Oak Hills Country Club

2024 UNO SCCJ Golf Scramble

Event Details

- The 28th Annual SCCJ Golf Scramble is Friday, September 13, 2024, at Eagle Hills Golf Course (Papillion).
  If you’d like to be a sponsor of the tournament, please click here: https://unomaha.formstack.com/forms/2024_golf_sponsorship
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