



the Collage

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interesting Internship

Criminal justice major Johnathan Reynolds spent his summer interning at the Northampton County Coroner's Office. His end goal is to become a detective for the state police, and interning at the coroner's office brings him one step closer.

The Coroner did not have a set plan for Reynolds' internship, but he had a lot of connections that allowed Reynolds to get beneficial experience. "[The coroner] knows almost everyone in Northampton County...he set me up with the Easton Police Department and the Bethlehem Police Department. I actually went on a



Johnathan Reynolds | Criminal Justice

assisted in collecting medications and evidence, and he helped with moving the deceased and canvassing the scene. He would also assist in questioning people who had found the victim, asking them

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few ride-alongs with them as well...I got a little bit of everything."

Reynolds elaborates on the kind of work he did. "Fieldwork was mainly going [out] to death scenes...and determining [the victim's] cause of death." Reynolds

general questions about the victim's history and their relationship to the victim.

Most scenes were benign; however, "If there [was] an unusual [or] suspicious manner of death, the coroner's office would get contacted to go to the scene."

Afterwards, paperwork about the scene and deceased was filed.

Reynolds comes from a family of military men, but joining the military wasn't his calling. He decided to choose a related profession where he would still be able to serve the community. "I was sitting in class one day and I said, I don't know, I'll just be a cop. I really just went from there." He made that decision in high school and now he's a senior at KU, graduating in the spring.

Reynolds came to KU for our reputable criminal justice program and he was glad to see that the information he learned in class could be applied to the fieldwork he did. "I know a lot of people think school is school [and] it's not really important, but I found out that [what I learned in school] helped me perform in the field." Referring to the Investigation and Intelligence course within the criminal justice curriculum, Reynolds learned, for example, how to identify entrance and exit wounds as well as the distance of a gunman from a victim based on the flash burn from gun powder on the victim's skin.

Reynolds is currently applying to the state police with the hope of becoming a detective.



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Dr. Mauricia John | Sociology

Dr. Mauricia John, from the Anthropology and Sociology Department, has a particular interest in immigration. Being an immigrant herself, John uses her experiences to educate her students about the topic. She's even created SOC 224 Immigration and Assimilation, in which she discusses the history of immigration, the factors that cause people to leave their country of origin, and the various struggles immigrants encounter when coming to a new country.

John is originally from the Caribbean and came to the United States to go to college. She studied economics but while completing her master's degree, she took a few sociology courses that resonated with her. John commented, "I was really passionate about [sociology]."

John completed her PhD in Rural Sociology at The Ohio State University, where her teacher's assistant position inspired her to teach professionally. She eventually found Kutztown, and the size of the campus along with the wide age range of the faculty solidified her decision to stay here.

Soon after she started teaching, she created the Immigration and Assimilation class. In this course, students discuss the historical and contemporary waves of immigrants coming to the United States and how immigration policies have changed over the years. John also teaches her students about disaster migration which occurs when people are forced to leave their country due to hurricanes, volcanoes, tsunamis, or other natural disasters.

Faculty highlight

For many, immigration is filled with potential danger. For example, with human trafficking, immigrants are deceived into thinking that they're going to receive better opportunities in a destination country but then they are abducted. Additionally, John says, "We look at children leaving their country of origin, crossing the border to search for their parents or to migrate for better opportunities."

John was recently promoted to associate professor and would like to use her work and research to continue to grow as a scholar and a teacher. She employs her experiences and passions to focus her work and educate her students.

"Take advantage of college...learn as much as you can learn... value education and be involved... I think that [is] very important."

Critical Issues Forum



Bond converses with KU students at reception.

On October 24, former Ambassador Michelle Bond came to KU to discuss her views on diplomacy, immigration, and public service. Bond was the Secretary of State for Consular Affairs and U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho. She addressed the topic of immigration to the United States, the sufficiency of the screening process for immigrants, as well as the impact that a change of the immigration system may have on foreign talent recruitment.



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