Eric Shen

Assistant Inspector in Charge
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Education Background:
I graduated from UCI in 2002 with a BA in Criminology and a minor in Education.

Current Job Tasks:
I help run the day to day operations for the Los Angeles Division which spans from Santa Barbara to San Diego. I strategize operational plans and allocate resources for the Los Angeles Division. I oversee the Narcotics program and the Mail Theft Prevention program.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
My favorite part about the job is seeing Inspectors succeed in their investigations. Weather it's protecting Postal Employees from assaults and robberies or arresting someone who has victimized hundreds of people financially. It is a satisfying feeling knowing our job is making a difference.

Piece of Advice:
Work hard and always have a positive attitude. This career can be very fast paced, so try and slow down and enjoy it. This is a great career and the more you put in the more satisfying it will be.

Sarah Tunnicliffe

Detective
Irvine Police Department

Education Background:
I have a Bachelor's Of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Global Security and Intelligence Studies with minors in Social Science and Political Science. I have a Master's of Advanced Studies from UCI in Criminology, Law and Society.

Current Job Tasks:
I am currently a Crimes Against Person's Detective with the Irvine Police Department. My cases involve domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, child molestation, robbery, aggravated assault and homicide.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
The best part of my job is my ability to work with victim when they are feeling the most vulnerable and try to bring them justice and closure so they can lead healthy, productive lives. While the cases I work are emotionally demanding and often complex, I know these victims are the population most in need of someone to help restore their sense of peace and security. My job affords me the opportunity to do that for these victims.

Piece of Advice:
Keep your nose clean and your eyes on the prize. You can enjoy life but make sure you think long term about decisions you make. Careers in law enforcement require a background check and you wouldn't want to jeopardize your career path over a quick mistake.
Dawnita Franklin
Senior Investigator
UCI Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity

Education Background:
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Master of Science in Public Administration

Current Job Tasks:
I conduct investigations into allegations of discrimination, sexual harassment & sex offense for the University.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
Being able to help people who are going through very difficult situation in the workplace or in their academic experience.

Piece of Advice:
Find a good internship preferably in the legal field that will expose you to the basic concepts and fundamental of researching, interviewing, evidence gathering and interpreting and applying laws.

Kate Wagner
Assistant District Attorney
Orange County District Attorney’s Office

Education Background:
B.A., Political Science and Communication Studies, UCLA J.D., Law, UC Irvine School of Law

Current Job Tasks:
I am involved in all aspects of criminal misdemeanor cases, from filing to initial court appearances to pre-trial negotiations to jury trials to sentencing and probation violations.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
I enjoy being on my feet, interacting with my community, and the variety of intellectual and interpersonal challenges that are involved in my daily activities. I also enjoy that my first and foremost responsibility is to ensure that the right and just outcome is reached.

Piece of Advice:
Take classes that interest you. Seek out opportunities to develop and hone your public speaking skills. Then, pick a good law school and embrace every opportunity available to get practical courtroom experience.

Keith Levin
Manager—Special Investigations Unit
Automobile Club of Southern California

Education Background:
I have a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice.

Current Job Tasks:
I manage the investigative team that is assigned to me to determine if reasonable belief of fraud has occurred in an insurance claim.

Favorite Thing About Their Job:
I enjoy working with a team of very skilled, motivated, ethical investigators.

Piece of Advice:
Pay attention to the details and follow the money.