

## Anthony J. Schembri, Professor, Criminology, Law, and Society

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Florida's former Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Anthony J. Schembri, will teach up-and-coming criminologists at the University of Florida beginning Summer B. Basis for the Television Hit *The Commish*, Currently Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Nominee for the Stockholm Prize for Criminology

The Harvard Kennedy School alumnus led the nation's largest juvenile justice system under Governor Jeb Bush from 2004 to 2007. He was charged with planning and managing all aspects of the state's juvenile justice system, including prevention and early intervention programs, police and sheriff issues, detention centers, and residential and non-residential commitment programs. During his tenure, juvenile crime was reduced by 18 percent statewide.

Schembri holds a law degree from Pace University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Before his appointment as Secretary of Juvenile Justice, Schembri served as Correction Commissioner of the City of New York, overseeing the custody and control of 20,000 inmates in the city's 19 jail facilities. He was also police commissioner of Rye, New York for 13 years, where he had the opportunity to represent 14,000 U.S. police chiefs to the United Nations.

At UF, Schembri will teach CCJ 3024, "Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice," providing an overview of criminal law, criminal procedure and criminological theory. But it won't be his first time in the classroom. Schembri served as a professor of law at Pace University in Westchester, New York from 1985-1999.

"We are excited that Secretary Schembri will be teaching for us," said Lon Lanza-Kaduce, chair of the Department of Criminology, Law and Society. "Few people combine such rich experiences in high-profile law enforcement, corrections, and juvenile justice administration with formal training in both law and social sciences. He will provide the students in his classroom with insights from a unique vantage point and give them a great opportunity to learn."