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AND SECURITY STUDENTS

ŠTUDENTI VARSTVOSLOVJA RAZISKUJEJO AMERIKO

Študenti (v sestavi Tara Pahor, Veronika Saje, Kiti Skočir, Alen Golobič, Matej Enci in Tine Mesarič) prvega letnika magistrskega študijskega programa Varstvoslovje Fakultete za varnostne vede Univerze v Mariboru smo v sredo, 5. 3. 2025, pod vodstvom red. prof. dr. Gorazda Meška in izr. prof. dr. Roka Hacina nekaj minut pred 10. uro zjutraj poleteli z Letališča Jožeta Pučnika Ljubljana (bolje poznano kot Brnik) proti Združenim državam Amerike (ZDA). Na poti v ZDA smo v Frankfurtu v hitrem tempu presedli še na povezovalni let in po skoraj 11 urah pristali »čez lužo« v Denverju, prestolnici zvezne države Kolorado.

Denver je s približno 600.000 prebivalci 26. največje mesto ZDA ter glavno in največje mesto v zahodni zvezni državi Kolorado. Mesto leži na 1.609 metrih nadmorske višine (kar je točno eno miljo nad morsk gladino),

zato je dobilo mesto tudi vzdevek Mile-High City. Utemeljeno sumimo, da je ta višina tisti dejavnik, zaradi katerega smo se vsako jutro zbuvali z zamašenim nosom. Mesto je leta 1858 ustanovil poslovnež in politik William Larimer in ga poimenoval po takratnem guvernerju Jamesu Denverju. Slednji je kasneje sicer odstopil, ime mesta pa se je kljub temu obdržalo.



Izmučeni od potovanja, a dobre volje na poti v hostel

Po rahlem kulturnem šoku smo si privoščili ramen (krepčilna japonska juha) in v večernih urah, utrujeni od »jetlaga«, komaj čakali, da ležemo k počitku. Četrtek, prvi dan po prihodu v Denver, nam je prof. dr. Mary Dodge predstavila Colorado University of Denver, obiskali pa smo še univerzitetno policijo Auraria Campus Police Department, ki skrbi za red in mir znotraj celotnega območja kampusa. Z veseljem so nam razkazali prostore, videli smo vse od njihove sodobne opreme do celice za pridržanje ... najbolj zanimiva pa nam je bila soba z dokazi, ki je oddajala zanimive »vonjave«.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY STUDENTS EXPLORE AMERICA

On Wednesday, March 5, 2025, students (Tara Pahor, Veronika Saje, Kiti Skočir, Alen Golobič, Matej Enci and Tine Mesarič) in their first year of the Master's program in Criminal Justice and Security at the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security of the University of Maribor, under the leadership of Professor Gorazd Meško, PhD, and Associate Professor Rok Hacin, PhD, flew from Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (better known as Brnik) to the United States of America (USA). On the way to the USA, we quickly changed to a connecting flight in Frankfurt and after almost 11 hours landed "across the pond" in Denver, the capital of the state of Colorado.

Denver, with a population of approximately 600,000, is the 26th largest city in the United States and the capital and largest city in the western state of Colorado. The city is located at an altitude of 1,609 meters above sea level (exactly one mile), which is why the city was nicknamed the Mile-High City.

We have reason to suspect that this altitude is the reason that we awakened with a stuffy nose every morning. The city was founded in 1858 by businessman and politician, William Larimer, and named after then-governor, James Denver. Although the latter later resigned, the name of the city has nevertheless been retained.



Exhausted from travel, but in good spirits on the way to the hostel

After a slight culture shock, we enjoyed ramen (a hearty Japanese soup) and in the evening, tired from "jet lag", we could hardly wait to lie down and rest. Thursday, the first day after arriving in Denver, Professor Mary Dodge, PhD, showed us the University Denver, and we also visited the university police, the Auraria Campus Police Department, which is responsible for law and order within the entire campus area. They were happy to show us around the premises. We saw everything from their modern equipment to the detention cell ... but the most interesting thing for us was the evidence room, which emitted most interesting "smells".



Na policiji ... Tine je bil »ta sumljiv«

V nadaljevanju dneva smo imeli posebno priložnost (ki jo je uredila naša gostiteljica prof. dr. Mary Dodge s *Colorado University Denver*), da smo si ogledali *Colorado Supreme Court* in *Colorado Court of Appeals* (vrhovno in višje/pritožbeno sodišče). V stavbi, ki je vredna vrtoglavih 264 milijonov dolarjev (več kot 2 milijona dolarjev so porabili samo za umetnine!), smo v dveh sodnih dvoranah spoznali anglosaški pravosodni sistem. Imeli smo priložnost govoriti s sodnikom na pritožbenem sodišču, s katerim smo imeli zanimivo debato o kaznovanju, nadeli pa smo si lahko tudi pravo sodniško togo.



Veličastna zgradba sodišča



At the police station... Tine was "the suspicious one"

Later in the day, we had a special opportunity (arranged by our host, Professor Mary Dodge, PhD, from Colorado University Denver) to tour the Colorado Supreme Court and the Colorado Court of Appeals. In a building worth a staggering \$264 million (more than \$2 million was spent on the artwork alone!), in two courtrooms, we got ourselves familiar with the Anglo-Saxon justice system. We had the opportunity to speak with a judge on the Court of Appeals, with whom we had an interesting debate about sentencing. We also had a chance to put on a real judge's robe.



Magnificent courthouse building



Tišina v dvorani! (v nasprotju s profesorji, študenti ne izkazujejo milosti)

Naslednji dan smo spoznali zgodovino zvezne države Kolorado v *Colorado History Museum* in obiskali *State Capitol*, z vrha katerega smo navdušeni občudovali razgled proti središču Denverja in do gora, ki se raztezajo do višine nad 4.000 metrov nad morjem. Nekaj minut smo lahko prisostvovali tudi na seji skupščine, kjer so debatirali/sprejemali nov zakon o nošenju orožja v javnosti.



Pogled s kupole kapitola



Silence in the courtroom! (unlike professors, students show no mercy)

The next day we learned about the history of the state of Colorado at the Colorado History Museum and visited the State Capitol, from the top of which we were delighted to admire the view of downtown Denver and the mountains that stretch to a height of over 4,000 meters above sea level. We were also able to attend a session of the Assembly for a few minutes, where they debated/adopted a new law on carrying weapons in public.



View from the Capitol dome



Glavna dvorana Kapitola – razprava o orožju

Sledil je ogled protiterorističnega muzeja *Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab* (ali krajše CELL). Seznanili smo se z različnimi oblikami terorizma ter (predvsem ameriški) pogledi na sodobni terorizem in teroristične skupine.



Fotografija pred ostanki jeklene konstrukcije *World Trade Center NY*



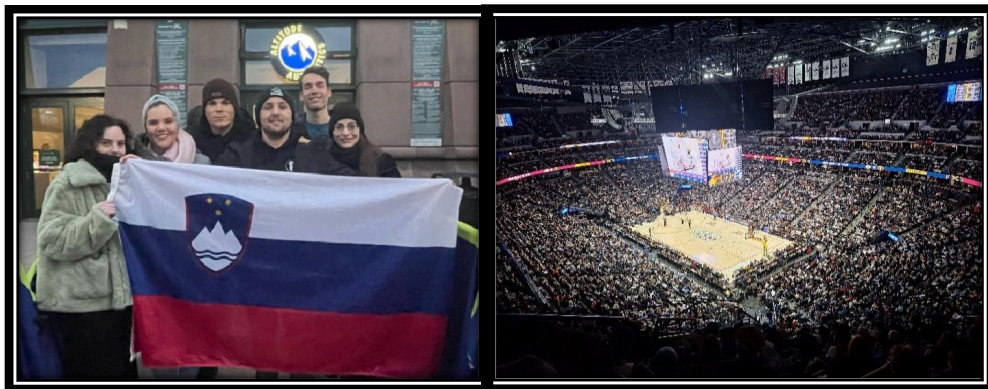
Capitol Main Hall –Debate on guns

After visiting the Capitol, a tour of the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (or CELL for short) followed. We learned about different forms of terrorism and (mainly American) views on terrorism and contemporary terrorist groups.



Photo in front of the remains of the steel structure of the World Trade Center NY

Komaj smo čakali, da si ogledamo NBA tekmo med lokalno ekipo Denver Nuggets in Phoenix Suns. Ekipo Nuggetsov je do zmage v podaljškju (končni rezultat 149:141) popeljal srbski košarkaši superzvezdnik Nikola Jokić, ki je z osebno statistiko 31 točk, 22 asistenc in 21 skokov spisal zgodovino v ligi NBA. Pred Jokićem, ki je na tekmi dobesedno kraljeval, namreč takšen podvig – trojni dvojček z doseženimi vsaj 30 točkami in vsaj 20 skoki ter podajami na posamezni tekmi – ni uspel še nikomur. Hkrati smo imeli priložnost prvič v živo slišati petje ameriške himne. Navdušenje smo v nabiti dvorani začutili in videli tudi preko navijaških kamer, ki pa se na žalost niso usmerile v nas.



Zvesti navijači iz Slovenije

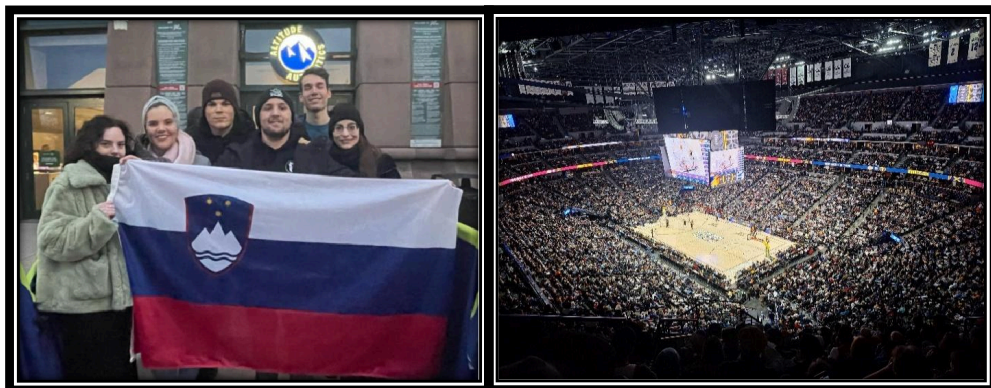
V soboto smo imeli srečanje s častno konzulko Slovenije v Koloradu gospo Tamaro Gorenc. Skupaj z možem Mirom predstavljata ključno kontaktno točko za Slovence, ki živijo ali obiščejo Kolorado.

Častna konzulka nam je predstavila oblike sodelovanja med Slovenijo in ZDA ter svojo vlogo pri povezovanju obeh držav. Pripravila sta nam tipično ameriško večerjo na »barbecue« način in nas posladkala s tradicionalno ameriško pito (profesorja sta potrebovala tablete proti holesterolu, nam pa je pomagala mladost). Ob tem sta se nam pridružila tudi njuna hči z možem, v spremstvu prikupnega psa Saia. Še enkrat se jima iskreno zahvaljujemo za pogostitev in izkazano dobrodošlico.



Domača govorica »čez lužo«

We could not wait to watch the NBA game between the local Denver Nuggets and the visiting Phoenix Suns. The Nuggets team was led to an overtime victory (final score 149:141) by Serbian basketball superstar Nikola Jokić, who made NBA history with personal statistics of 31 points, 22 assists and 21 rebounds (a rare “triple-double”). Before Jokić, who literally reigned supreme in the game, no one had ever managed such a feat - a triple-double with at least 30 points and at least 20 rebounds and assists in a single game. At the same time, we had the opportunity to hear the American national anthem performed live for the first time. We could also feel and see the excitement in the packed hall through the fan cameras, which unfortunately were not directed at us.



Loyal fans from Slovenia

On Saturday, we had a meeting with the Honorary Consul of Slovenia in Colorado, Mrs. Tamara Gorenc. Together with her husband Miro, they represent a key point of contact for Slovenians living in or visiting Colorado.

The Honorary Consul presented to us the forms of cooperation between Slovenia and the USA and her role in connecting the two countries. They prepared a typical American “barbeque” dinner and sweetened us with a traditional American pie (the professors needed cholesterol pills, but our youth helped us). Their daughter and her husband also joined us, accompanied by their adorable dog Sai. Once again, we sincerely thank them for their hospitality and the welcome shown.



Familiar language "across the pond"

Nedelja je bila rezervirana za obisk denverskega živalskega vrta (profesorja sta z madžarskim kolegom, prof. dr. Lászlóm Christiánom, ki je bil na enoletni izmenjavi v okviru Fullbright Scholarship, medtem obiskala naravni park *Garden of the Gods*) in ogled *Denver Museum of Nature and Science*. Navdušeni smo bili nad raznolikostjo živali, ki smo jih lahko videli od blizu. Posebno prikupen se nam je zdel komaj tri dni star žirafji mladič. V muzeju pa nas je najbolj očarala osupljiva zbirka okostij dinozavrov. Ogledali smo si tudi druge razstave: *Angkor: izgubljeno cesarstvo Kambodže*, egipčanske mumije, dragoceni kamni in minerali, *Space Odyssey*, *Wildlife Halls* in številne druge. Naj izpostavimo, da nas je ves čas našega potovanja spremljalo prav prijetno sončno vreme, ki je bilo ta dan tako močno, da nas je po vratu celo malo opeklo!



Na več kot 2.000 metrih in več kot 200 milijonov let v preteklosti

Malo za šalo, malo zares, smo dejali, da nismo bili v celem življenju v toliko muzejih, kot smo bili sedaj v nekaj dneh! Zvečer smo se sestali še z Alenovim sorodnikom Fredijem, ki v Denverju živi že dobrih 26 let in opravlja službo poklicnega gasilca in reševalca. Ostali smo odprtih ust, ko nam je pripovedoval o svojem delu, posebno takrat, ko je omenil, da imajo v Denverju letno preko 300 umorov ter da so primeri predoziranja s prepovedanimi drogami pri njih nekaj vsakdanjega.



Sunday was reserved for visiting the Denver Zoo (the professors and their Hungarian colleague, Professor László Christián, PhD, who was on a one-year exchange as part of the Fullbright Scholarship, visited the Garden of the Gods nature park in the meantime) and a tour of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. We were impressed by the diversity of animals that we were able to see up close. We found the three-day-old giraffe calf to be particularly adorable. What fascinated us most in the museum was the astonishing collection of dinosaur skeletons. We also visited other exhibitions: Angkor: The Lost Empire of Cambodia, Egyptian mummies, Precious Stones and Minerals, Space Odyssey, Wildlife halls and many others. Let us point out that we were accompanied by very pleasant sunny weather throughout our trip, which was so strong that day that it even burned our necks a little!



At over 2,000 meters and over 200 million years in the past

We said, only half joking, that we had never been to so many museums in our entire lives as we had been in just a few days! In the evening, we met with Alen's relative Fredi, who has lived in Denver for approximately 26 years and works as a professional firefighter and rescuer. We were left speechless when he told us about his work, especially when he mentioned that Denver has over 300 homicides a year and that drug overdoses are a common occurrence.



S prihodom ponedeljka je bilo naše potovanje že skoraj na polovici. Prof. dr. László Christián, ki je sicer madžarski policijski brigadir in profesor na *Ludovika University of Public Service* v Budimpešti na Madžarskem, trenutno pa predava na *Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver*, nam je razkazal omenjeno univerzo in pripadajoči kampus z različnimi objekti. Najprej smo prisluhnili predavanju profesorja Meška o varnosti v lokalnih skupnostih v Sloveniji, ki ga je pripravil posebej za ameriške študente, nato pa smo s slednjimi tudi mi za eno uro prisostvovali predavanju s področja informacijske varnosti.



Profesor Meško je delil slovenske izkušnje z zagotavljanjem varnosti v lokalnih skupnostih z ameriškimi študenti

V torek se je z registracijo udeležencev uradno začela konferenca *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* (ACJS), v sredo, po zajtrku za nove člane, pa so se začele okrogle mize in predstavitve na različnih sekcijah, ki smo se jih tudi udeležili. Zvečer smo imeli še sprejem letošnje predsednice ACJS profesorice Bitne Kim in manjšo pogostitev. V okviru spoznavnih aktivnosti smo se udeležili zelo napetega *Trivia night*. Preizkusili smo se v znanju o Denverju in ZDA na temo zgodovine, politike, kriminologije in pop kulture. Dosegli smo odlično 5. mesto od skupno 14 ekip, na kar smo zelo ponosni. Naj poudarimo, da smo bili edina neameriška ekipa! Brez zabavnih trenutkov ni šlo, saj smo zaradi našega »neznanja« z odgovorom, da naslovi kriminalk Agathe Christie predstavljajo naslove otroških pesmi, uspeli nasmejati celotno dvorano. Bravo mi!

By the time Monday arrived, our trip was almost halfway over. Professor László Christián, PhD, who is a Hungarian police brigadier and professor at the Ludovika University of Public Service in Budapest, Hungary, and currently teaches at the Metropolitan State University (MSU) of Denver, showed us around the university and its campus and various facilities. First, we listened to a lecture by Professor Meško on community safety in Slovenia, which he had prepared especially for American students, and then we attended a one-hour lecture on information security with the American students.



Professor Meško shared Slovenian experiences in ensuring safety and security in local communities with American students

On Tuesday, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) conference officially began with the registration of participants, and on Wednesday, after a breakfast for new members, round tables and presentations in the various sections began, which we attended. In the evening, we attended a reception hosted by this year's ACJS president, Professor Bitna Kim. As part of the educational activities, we attended a very intense Trivia night. We tested our knowledge of Denver and the USA on the topics of history, politics, criminology, and pop culture. We achieved an excellent 5th place out of a total of 14 teams, a result of which we are very proud. Let us emphasize that we were the only non-American team! There were some funny moments, because due to our "ignorance" we managed to make the entire hall laugh with the answer that the titles of Agatha Christie's crime novels represent the titles of children's songs. Well done!



Brez uradne uniforme ne gre!



V četrtek smo se naučili, kako zavezati kravato (hvala, profesor Hacin!), in nato prisluhnili predavanju profesorja Meška o delu programske skupine Varnost v lokalnih skupnostih na panelu *International Police Executive Symposium* o sodobnih oblikah policijske dejavnosti. Zatem so sledile prve naše prezentacije. Ponosni smo, da smo se s predsednico ACJS profesorico Bitno Kim lahko dogovorili, da so bili vsi naši prispevki vključeni v redne panele in ne v posebne študentske sekcije. Prva sta bila na vrsti Alen in Tine z naslovom prezentacije: *Feelings of safety and perception of police among Roma people and other local residents.*



You can't go without an official uniform!



On Thursday we learned how to tie a tie (thanks, Professor Hacin!), and then listened to a lecture by Professor Meško on the work of the Research Programme Security and Safety in Local Communities at the International Police Executive Symposium panel on contemporary forms of policing. This was followed by our first presentations. We are proud that the President of ACJS, Professor Bitna Kim included our contributions in regular panels and not in special student sections. The first were Alen and Tine presenting: Feelings of safety and perception of police among Roma people and other local residents.



Ponos Semiča in Zgornje Kungote

Sledila je predstavitev Kiti in Mateja z naslovom: *Perception of security problems in local communities: comparison of residents' and police officers' views.*



Ponos Primorske (kravata zavezana, »pravilnega« nošenja srajce se bomo naučili naslednjič)

Zvečer smo se udeležili še dogodka, na katerem so podelili nagrade najbolj prepoznavnim avtorjem na področju varnostnih in kazensko-pravnih ved. Profesorica Sanja Kutnjak Ivković s *School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University* je kot vodilna avtorica knjige *Policing the Pandemic* prejela nagrado za izjemni knjižni dosežek. Profesorica Kutnjak Ivković je lani skupaj s profesorjema Meškom in Hacinom uredila tudi knjigo z naslovom *The UN Sustainable Development Goals and Provision of Security, Responses to Crime and Security Threats, and Fair Criminal Justice Systems*, ki jo je izdala Univerzitetna založba Univerze v Mariboru.



Pride of Semič and Zgornja Kungota

Kiti and Matej followed them with their presentation entitled: Perception of security problems in local communities: comparison of residents' and police officers' views.



Pride of Primorska (tie tied, we'll learn how to wear a shirt "properly" next time)

In the evening, we also attended an event where awards were presented to the most distinguished authors in the field of security and criminal justice. Professor Sanja Kutnjak Ivković, PhD, from the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, as the lead author of the book *Policing the Pandemic*, received the award for outstanding literary achievement. Last year, together with professors Meško and Hacin, Professor Kutnjak Ivković also edited *The UN Sustainable Development Goals and Provision of Security, Responses to Crime and Security Threats*, and *Fair Criminal Justice Systems*, which was published by the University Press of the University of Maribor.

Udeležili smo se srečanja *International Section ACJS*, kjer smo sklepali nova poznanstva in srečali stare prijatelje

Slovenija in Indija si podata roko

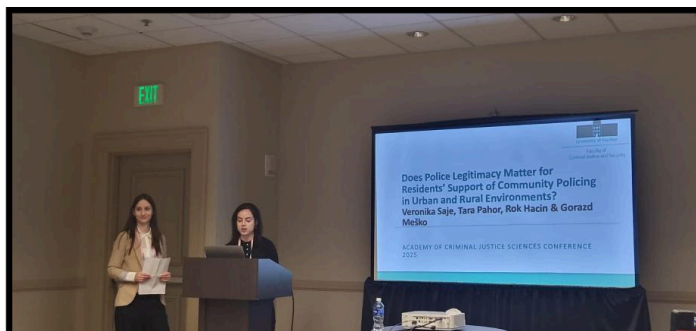


Obenem je ravno na omenjeni dan naš Tine praznoval rojstni dan – poleg čestitke in bombonjere smo ga presenetili še z ameriško zastavo, ki si jo je močno želel, vendar jo je bilo kar težko najti. A nam je k sreči uspelo!

Izraz sreče – vse najboljše!

V petek smo najprej prisluhnili predstavitvi profesorja Hacina o samozaznavi legitimnosti zaporskih delavcev v Sloveniji, nato pa še predstavitvi Veronike in Tare z naslovom: *Does police legitimacy matter for residents' support of community policing in urban and rural environments?*

All-girls all-star team



We attended the meeting of the International Section ACJS, where we made new acquaintances and met old friends.

Slovenia and India shake hands

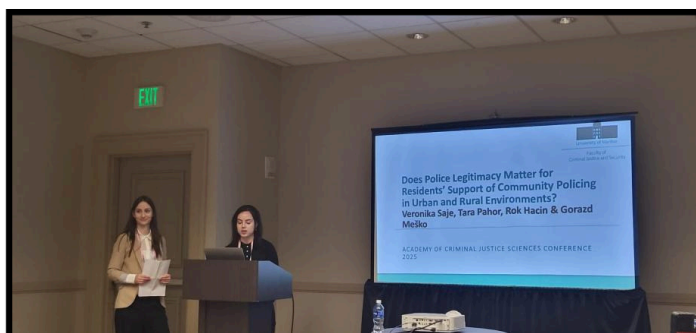


On the same day, our Tine celebrated his birthday; in addition to a card and a box of chocolates, we surprised him with an American flag, which he really wanted, but was quite difficult to find. But luckily we managed to get it!

Happy face – happy birthday!

On Friday, we first listened to a presentation by Professor Hacin on the self-legitimacy of prison workers in Slovenia, followed by a presentation by Veronika and Tara entitled: Does police legitimacy matter for residents' support of community policing in urban and rural environments?

All-girls all-star team



Sledil je še nastop profesorja Meška o raziskovanju na področju kriminologije in oblikovanju kriminalitetnih politik ter veščin za komuniciranje z ustvarjalci politik in praktiki. Ogledali smo si tudi sekcijo s posterji, na katerih so bile prikazane raziskovalne naloge doktorskih študentov kriminologije ter varnostnih in kazenskoopravnih ved. Spoznali smo se s prof. dr. Chrisom Eskridgeem, direktorjem *American Society of Criminology* in dolgoletnim prijateljem Fakultete za varnostne vede Univerze v Mariboru (našo fakulteto namreč obiskuje že več kot 15 let). Osupnil nas je z deljenjem spominov, saj je kot policist v mlajših letih preiskoval primer zloglasnega morilca Teda Bundyja in z njim pod krinko celo preživel noč v zaporu.



Spoznavanje legend – s Chrisom Eskridgeem

Žal je bila naslednji dan že sobota, kar je pomenilo, da je bilo treba spakirati kovčke in odriniti na pot proti Sloveniji. Ob 18.45 smo poleteli iz Denverja, v Frankfurtu pa smo nato kar dolgih osem ur čakali na letalo za Slovenijo. V vmesnem času smo se fotografirali z Albertom Einsteinom. A saj veste, kako pravijo – v dobri družbi čas hitro mine. V domovino smo poleteli skupaj z našim najboljšim smučarskim skakalcem Petrom Prevcem in uspešno pristali v poznih večernih urah naslednji dan. In tako, kot je hitro minilo čakanje v Frankfurtu, je (pre)hitro minila tudi naša 10-dnevna strokovna ekskurzija v Denver.

Presentation by Professor Meško on research in the field of criminology and crime policy-making, and skills for communicating with policymakers and practitioners was the last. We also visited a poster section, which displayed the research papers of doctoral students in criminology, security and criminal justice. We met Professor Chris Eskridge, PhD, director of the American Society of Criminology and a long-time friend of the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security of the University of Maribor (he has been visiting our faculty for over 15 years). He amazed us by sharing his memories, as he was a police officer investigating the case of the notorious murderer Ted Bundy in his younger years and even spent a night in jail with him undercover.



Meeting legends – with Chris Eskridge

Unfortunately, the next day was already Saturday, which meant that we had to pack our bags and set off for Slovenia. We flew from Denver at 6:45 PM and then waited in Frankfurt for a long eight hours for the flight to Slovenia. In the meantime, we took a photo with Albert Einstein. But you know what they say – time flies in good company. We flew home together with our best ski jumper, Peter Prevc, and successfully landed late in the evening the next day. And just as quickly as the wait in Frankfurt passed, our 10-day professional excursion to Denver also passed (too) quickly.



Sami geniji na kupu

Spoznali smo res drugačen slog življenja, kulture in pa mnogo različnih ljudi – študentov, profesorjev in strokovnjakov s področja kriminologije. Še enkrat se prav lepo zahvaljujemo gospe in gospodu Gorenc, Sanji, Zoranu, Dragani, Frediju, Elliottu, Bitni, Chrisu in vsem drugim, ki so popestrili naše potovanje »čez lužo«. Hvala tudi Univerzi v Mariboru za finančno podporo, ki je bistveno manj obremenila naše študentske žepe. Seveda pa naša pot ne bi bila niti približno tako pestra in zanimiva brez vseh poznanstev naših profesorjev – Gorazda in Roka. Tudi njima se iz srca zahvaljujemo za vso organizacijo potovanja, prijaznost, strokovnost in potrpežljivost ob naših predstavitvah – sploh takrat, ko so se pojavile težave pri izgovarjavi angleških besed »*rural, analysis, policing, survey*« in podobno. Mimogrede, oba profesorja sta naše nastope zelo pohvalila! To pot si bomo vsi za vedno zapomnili po veliko lepih (in mogoče za nas nekoliko drugačnih) stvareh – od enkratnih muzejev in prijaznih ljudi do precej mastne ameriške hrane, velikih ameriških avtomobilov ter litrov popite kave. Predvsem pa po spominih, ki so se nam vtisnili v srce in bodo tam na prav posebnem mestu ostali za vedno.



Dream team



A bunch of geniuses

We got to know a really different lifestyle and culture, and many different people – students, professors and experts in the field of criminology. Once again, we would like to thank Mrs. and Mr. Gorenc, Sanja, Zoran, Dragana, Fredi, Elliott, Bitna, Chris and everyone else who made our journey “across the pond” more interesting. Thanks also to the University of Maribor for the financial support, which significantly reduced the burden on our student pockets. Of course, our journey would not have been nearly as varied and interesting without all the acquaintances of our professors – Gorazd and Rok. We also thank them from the bottom of our hearts for the entire organization of the trip, and their kindness, professionalism and patience during our presentations – especially when we had problems pronouncing the English words “rural, analysis, policing, survey” and the like. By the way, both professors highly praised our performances! We will all remember this journey forever for the many beautiful (and perhaps slightly different for us) things – from unique museums and friendly people to the rather greasy American food, big American cars and litres of drunk coffee. But above all for the memories that were imprinted in our hearts and will remain in a very special place forever.



Dream team

Še nekaj vtisov z obiska Denverja / Some impressions from visiting Denver



Čakajoči na večerjo po prihodu v Denver / Waiting for dinner after arriving in Denver

Na poti na University of Colorado Denver – pred mestno hišo / On the way to the University of Colorado Denver – In front of the City Hall



Pred vhodom University of Colorado Denver / In front of the University of Colorado Denver



Z ogleda Tivolija / From a tour of Tivoli

Še fotografija za slovo –
Hvala, Mary Dodge, za
prijaznost in gostoljubnost /
Farewell photo – Thank you,
Mary Dodge, for your
kindness and hospitality



Na vrtu bogov z Lászlóm Christiánom in
njegovo soprogo / At the Garden of the
Gods with László Christián and his wife



Z madžarskima profesorjema na Metropolitan State University of Denver / With Hungarian professors at the Metropolitan State University of Denver

Fotografija s šefom
univerzitetne policije / Photo
with the University Police
Chief



Rok Hacin in Gorazd Meško –
vedno v pripravljenosti / Rok
Hacin and Gorazd Meško –
always ready

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section at the ACJS conference





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Selfie s trivia night – the dream team! / Selfie from trivia night – the dream team