School Mourns The Loss of Robert C. Trojanowicz

Robert C. Trojanowicz, Director of the National Center for Community Policing (NCCP) and Professor in the School of Criminal Justice and Urban Affairs Programs, was a recipient of the University’s Distinguished Faculty Award for 1994, presented posthumously to Dr. Trojanowicz’s son, Eric, at the Awards Convocation at Wharton Center on February 15, 1994.

Robert Trojanowicz began his career at Michigan State University in 1959 as an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice. The son of a beat cop, Bob earned a bachelor’s degree in police administration, a master’s degree in social work and a Ph.D. in social science from Michigan State University.

He was Assistant Dean in the College of Social Science from 1973-1978. He became Director of the School in 1981, a position he held until his resignation in 1991. In 1982 he established the National Center for Community Policing and was the Center’s Director at the time of his death.

In 1987 Bob became a Research Fellow with the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. In recent years he was the spokesman for a community tip line called “Crime Stoppers.”

Professor Trojanowicz had been notified a month before his death that he was to receive the Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award on Tuesday February 15, 1994—four days after his death. Though he did not live to personally accept the award, he knew he had been recognized by his colleagues and peers.

His wife, Susan, who is an academic advisor in the School of Criminal Justice, notes “Bob acknowledged the Distinguished Faculty Award as the greatest award he could receive—that is, to be so recognized by his peers.”

Distinguished Faculty Awards are made each year to members of the faculty at Michigan State University for outstanding total service to the University.

The Robert C. Trojanowicz Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established within the School of Criminal Justice. Anyone wishing to contribute should send checks made out to Michigan State University to:

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Director’s Message

Effective March 1, 1994, Mary Masiak began a six-month sabbatical leave to conduct research and do some teaching in Korea. In her absence I have been designated Acting Director.

Mary asked me to write this column and introduce the new faculty members—as she promised in her last column. However, before I do that, I need to share with you the tremendous loss the School felt, and will continue to feel for many years to come, upon the passing away of Professor Robert Trojanowicz, Director of the National Center for Community Policing at the School of Criminal Justice. People around the country and around the world knew Bob through his writing and research on community policing. Many also knew Bob personally through his tireless work with police agencies, beginning in 1979 with his ground-breaking efforts to develop new partnerships between people and their police in Flint, Michigan.

The University recognized Bob with the Distinguished Faculty Award, which was accepted posthumously by his son, Eric, who serves with the Ingham County Sheriff’s Department. Mary and I and the entire faculty and staff know that you join us in mourning this tragic loss.

As Mary recently wrote: “I... assure you that the School of Criminal Justice is committed to continuing Bob’s work and his vision through the National Center for Community Policing. Professor David Carter, who worked closely with Bob for many years, will serve as Acting Director. Dr. Carter has long been involved in providing research, training, and teaching on community policing at the national level. Bonnie Buechler, who co-wrote numerous books and articles on community policing with Bob, will continue as Associate Director.”

I and other faculty and staff of the School of Criminal Justice greatly value our close associations with police departments throughout the United States and throughout the world. All of us recognize that no one person can fully replace the special energy, commitment and integrity that Bob brought to his work; but we are committed to providing a strong program of training, technical assistance, research, and information outreach that honors his legacy.”

On another note, the school has hired three new faculty members. Christopher E. Smith, J.D., Ph.D., will join the School as an associate professor to fill our research/lawyer position. Dr. Smith received his J.D. from the University of Tennessee and his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He is currently Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director, Department of Political Science, University of Akron. His previous positions include part-time lecturer for the University of Connecticut-Hartford, Department of Political Science, and part-time instructor for Asintuck
Community College, Prison Education Program. Dr. Smith is the author of nine books and many other publications. He has been consulted by the media for expert commentary regarding the criminal justice system and the courts.

Christina Polsenberg has been hired as an assistant professor to fill the position for a criminal justice policy analysis oriented researcher/teacher. She is completing her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland. She is presently an instructor of Research Methods in Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland; she was also a research assistant for six years to various members of the faculty. She has co-authored one book and has other work in progress.

Sheila Royo Maxwell is also joining the School as an assistant professor. She is a Ph.D. Candidate at Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice. She received her masters degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Since fall 1991, Sheila has been teaching introductory courses in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. She received a Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship (March 1993-March 1996) from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Development and Research Institute of New York, Inc.

Once again during spring break, instead of basking in the southern sunshine, students from the School of Criminal Justice, Alpha Phi Sigma and American Criminal Justice Association toured criminal justice agencies in Washington, D.C. Highlights from this year's trip included:

- A gathering around DEA's Command Center conference table to hear David Westrate ('64), Assistant Administrator, Intelligence Division, discuss career opportunities in intelligence-related activities.
- A presentation by ATF agents who reconstructed the bomb scene at the U.S. World Trade Center.
- An "inside" tour of the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, by retired Agent Flash Gordon.
- A visit to ATF's gun vault.
- A tour of the U.S. Secret Service academy grounds which included a demonstration of the "I" turn. "Way to go Agent Summertime! A scheduling conflict (our schedule, not his!) prohibited us from meeting Director Eljay Bowron ('73) who had planned on addressing the students.
- A U.S. Park Police escort (around D.C. traffic jams) from the hotel to headquarters where everyone had an opportunity to fire 24 rounds on the inside range.
- A seldom given tour of the Postal Inspector's newest Forensic and Technical Services Building a la Inspector Roy Geffin.

Thank you to all our friends and alumni for making this trip possible!
President's Message

I find myself looking for the right words to express the loss we all felt with the untimely death of Dr. Robert Trojanowicz. He was a special man who never lost sight of the needs of the practitioner, especially the cop on the beat. He will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of being his students, friends, and colleagues.

One of the best ways we as alumni can show our gratitude to Michigan State for what it has done for us is to look there first when we get ready to hire. Now is the time many new graduates will be looking for that first job. Those of you in a position to impact hiring should give serious consideration to MSU graduates. After all, a school that produced you has to be pretty special.

The spring season is in full bloom, and many of us will begin to have an increasing amount of contact with our professional colleagues in a variety of circumstances. These offer excellent chances to point out all of the good things that are occurring at MSU and to encourage those who are MSU alumni to join our organization. Although I have only been active in the Alumni Association for a couple of years, I can tell you it has been an extremely positive move for me.

My short, and probably unsparing tenure as interim board president has come to an end. One of the great pleasures as president was telling my older sister, Cheryl (BS '74, MS '80), that since she was family, I would let her remain an alumni association member. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve you alumni and encourage all of you to become more involved in Michigan State University.

Kevin Courtney

Academic Honor Society

The School has been notified that the following CJ students have achieved eligibility for induction into Phi Kappa Phi, the academic honor society.

SSC/CJ Doctoral Student: Barbara Koons

CJ Masters Student: ALissa Kuecker

CJ Undergraduate: Emily Owen, Kevin David, Matthew Sincic, James Kirsch, Andrew Condikey, Bernadette Jorale, Scott Trumbo

CJ Forensic Undergraduate: Jennifer Bloink

Congratulations to these students on their achievement and their contributions to the School.
Second Annual Golf Outing
Michigan State University
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September 23, 1994
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The cost per golfer is $70 (fee will be waived for MSU students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program)
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560 Baker Hall

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Remembering Bob Trojanowicz: Dedicated to Giving Everyone a Fair Shake

Others will document Dr. Robert Trojanowicz's stellar career at MSU, but I want to share a story that captures, for me, the kind of man that Bob was.

I met Bob almost by accident more than a decade ago, when I was a magazine reporter blindly seeking someone at the School of Criminal Justice willing to share information on rural crime, for what eventually became an award-winning series on the topic. Unlike many academics who fear the press will distort their views, Bob eagerly volunteered to be interviewed. During our first session, he told me that his philosophy of policing stemmed from growing up with stories from his dad, an old-fashioned boat cop in Bay City. "He only had an eighth-grade education, and I've got a Ph.D., but my dad knew more about human behavior than anyone I've ever known."

Bob reminisced about the time that the chief called in his troops to announce a new get-tough crack down on after-hours drinking and gambling—it was an election year and the mayor wanted a good press.

Bob's father did his duty. That night he marched into a club well known for late-night drinking and gambling and arrested a passel of miscreants and brought them to headquarters for booking. But this was not at all what the mayor and the chief had had in mind—Bob's dad made those arrests at the local country club, and some of the city's richest and most powerful found themselves on the receiving end of the long arm of the law.

Needless to say, the elder Trojanowicz was immediately called on the carpet by an irate chief who tried to fire him. Fortunately, city council members from less-affluent areas persuaded the chief to change his mind. Bob chuckled as he told the story. But he stopped laughing while explaining that his father knew that he could have lost his job, but that he didn't hesitate to do what he felt was right. Literally at his father's knee, Bob learned that personal integrity cannot be compromised, no matter the price.

Bob's dad not only talked the talk, but walked the walk in his belief that the police must enforce the law fairly, regardless of class, race, or clout. Bob also embraced that ethic, and his dad's example also persuaded him that, given the chance, line-level officers could be trusted to do the right thing and give everyone a fair shake.

After I came to work for Bob, assisting him in his quest to make community policing a reality nationwide, it soon became clear that his vision stemmed from his respect for his dad's work. Indeed, as I reread the 10 Principles of Community Policing that rank among Bob's major contributions to the field, it is clear that they are his attempt to take his father's informal efforts to make his beat area a better and safer place and make them part of every police officer's formal job description. Both Bob's faith in the police and his tireless efforts on their behalf will be sorely missed.

Bonnie Bucqueroux will continue as Associate Director of the National Center for Community Policing under the dedicated and able leadership of Dr. David Carter, the new Acting Director of the Center.

ACJA
1994-95 Officers Elected

President: Todd Smith
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President: Anthony Caram
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What Happens to Your Alumni Dues...

It is IMPORTANT that you designate a constituent association (Criminal Justice) on all your membership applications. Otherwise the entire amount of your dues will be retained by the MSU Alumni Association. By marking your application for Criminal Justice, $10 of the dues is forwarded to the CJ Alumni Association.

Alumni Membership Application
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Make checks payable to Michigan State University

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September 22, 1994, at its annual Honors Night Reception, the School of Criminal Justice will be honoring Perry Johnson as recipient of the "Criminal Justice Alumni Award for Exceptional Service." Each year this award goes to the School’s nominee for the MSU Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award. To be nominated for that award, candidates must have distinguished themselves by obtaining the highest level of professional accomplishment, and possessing the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of Michigan State University—and thus the School of Criminal Justice.

The School's "Criminal Justice Land Grant Leadership Award" will also be presented that evening. This year's honored faculty member has yet to be named. Nomination for this award is based on the faculty member's contributions to research, teaching and outreach. Robert Trojanowicz was last year's recipient.

The reception will be held at Kellogg Center, East Lansing, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year's cost will be $15 per person and can be requested through the Alumni Association secretary, Armilla Simon, 517-355-2121. Costs will be waived for students who wish to attend. Although tickets can be purchased at the door, we do request an RSVP so we can comfortably accommodate all who wish to participate. Proceeds will go to School scholarship funds.

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