Dear Spartan:

Enjoy reading the 2007 fall edition of the CJ e-News, our online networking and informational newsletter for our alumni, students and friends. In addition to enjoying our newsletter, we invite you to visit our recently updated website.

Class Notes have become a favorite among our alum and we appreciate your articles for upcoming editions. If you have any "notes" and photos to share with fellow alums, please send them to curtisc7@msu.edu.

Banner Photo: Criminal Justice Alumni Association Board Meeting, October 2007: 1st row, left to right: Thomas Brennan Jr., member, Matthew Heins, member. 2nd row, left to right: William Wilson, President, Joseph Jaksa, member and William Nash, member. 3rd row, left to right: Sterling Raehltz, President, Alpha Phi Sigma, Ed McGarrell, Director, Bruce Sokolove, Vice-President, Robert Engel, member, Mike Oltersdorf, member and Candy Curtis, Alumni Coordinator.

Message from the Director

One of the nice things about the Director’s role is being able to see the School’s excellence from a variety of different angles. Over the past month, a number of reminders of this excellence presented themselves.

Sterling Raehltz, President of Alpha Phi Sigma, organized a campus-wide memorial tribute to the events of 9/11. Attendance at the event included faculty, administrators and students and included representatives of the East Lansing Police Department, the Lansing Police Department, and the Michigan State Police. After the event, Inspector Mary Johnson from MSU’s Department of Police and Public Safety, and currently assigned to the Michigan Fusion Center, was effusive in her praise of five of our students who are interns at the Fusion Center.

I then received reports from Brit Weber, who directs the School’s Critical Incident Protocol Program, and from Dave Carter, who directs the School’s Intelligence Program. The Critical Incident Program has worked with 33 communities, in 20 states, with over 2,300 participants on increasing the capacity of the public and private sector to prevent and more effectively respond to critical incidents. The Intelligence “Toolbox” program, that assists local, state, and Tribal law enforcement develop an intelligence capacity, has trained over 1,800 individuals from 987 agencies covering 40 states and 3 countries beyond the U.S. Clearly, the School is providing leadership by touching communities throughout the country.
In late September, Professor Carole Gibbs organized a conference on environmental crime and natural resource sustainability. The conference was co-sponsored by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Science and Policy Program, and the MSU Risk Research Initiative. Three top scholars from the University of Maryland and Vanderbilt University, as well as outstanding MSU faculty and students from a number of different departments participated in the conference. Additionally, law enforcement officials from EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources were active participants as well. Deputy Chief Scott Swanson from the Santa Rosa Police Department, representing the EPA-IACP Environmental Crimes Committee, and MSU alum Bill Magrath from the World Bank were also key participants. Topics ranged from pollution, to animal disease and invasive species, to global trade in endangered species and illegal logging, and from voluntary compliance to enforcement. The focus roamed from Michigan to Africa, Asia, and South America. Consensus emerged on the need for cross-disciplinary research and education such as that emerging at MSU.

To top it off, a research paper was published highlighting the research productivity of relatively new female scholars in criminal justice and criminology. Three of our alumni, Barbara Koons-Witt (University of South Carolina), Beth Heubner (University of Missouri at St. Louis), and Kristy Holtfreter (Florida State University) were rated as “stars” within the Academy and the School was rated at the top of doctoral programs in terms of the productivity of alumni. The authors write: "Michigan State University’s mean and median publication frequencies are greater than each of the other institutions within the 22 academic journals, while graduates of the Universities of Cincinnati and Maryland are comparable in these same journals (as a quasi-second tier). But note what happens when one looks at the 9 elite journals via both mean and median: the University of Maryland, Michigan State University, and Sam Houston State University separate themselves in mean elite publications, while the University of Maryland and Michigan State University separate themselves (quite starkly) from the other institutions in median elite publications (i.e., median = .29 versus .00 for all others).” (Rice, et al., forthcoming)

Whether looking at the outstanding achievements of our students, our specialists, our faculty, or our alumni, the excellence of the School is readily apparent.


Spotlight

Research

Christina DeJong, Ph.D. has been a faculty member in the School since 1994. Her research
focuses on gender and criminal justice, violence against women, and recidivism of offenders post-release. Current research projects include geographic analysis of homicide by and against women, how intimate homicide differs from non-intimate homicide, factors affecting the recidivism of female offenders (particularly at the neighborhood level), and how police officer gender does or does not influence their interactions with the community.

For more information contact Christina DeJong

Colloquium

Dae Chang, BS 57', MS 58', Ph.D 62', Professor Emeritus, Department of Criminal Justice, Wichita State University, returned to campus this fall to present a colloquium on "Growing Trends in Global Crime and Criminal Justice: A Discussion". His presentation was an overview of research on trafficking in human organs globally, with specific examples from Asia. Professor Chang identified the increase in trafficking in the context of the supply and demand for human organs from the under-developed to developed economies. He also pointed out that the lack of legal and enforcement initiatives in the developed and developing World further exacerbates the problem.

Environmental Crime and Natural Resources Sustainability Conference

The conference included several visiting scholars, faculty from five MSU colleges as well as students, and law enforcement professionals from local, state, and federal agencies. Additionally, faculty from the University of Maryland and
Vanderbilt University, and law enforcement officials from EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DEQ and DNR participated. The School of Criminal Justice, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Science and Policy Program and the MSU Risk Research Initiative sponsored the conference. The highly successful conference was largely the result of the efforts of Dr. Carole Gibbs.

Terrorism & Preparedness Data Resource Center

Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism (START) in partnership with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan formally launched a Terrorism & Preparedness Data Resource (TPDRC) website. This website will be a clearinghouse for news and research data related to terrorism and preparedness around the world, and jointly managed by researchers from START, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, and staff at the University of Michigan National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.

Midwest Conference

John Glandon, 07' and Mahesh Nalla, Ph.D, presented “Law Enforcement Officers' Perceptions of Inter-Agency Intelligence Sharing After 9/11” at the Midwest Conference. John and Dr. Nalla presented on how federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies find themselves under congressional and public pressure to share intelligence. While laws mandate intelligence sharing, organizational cultures do not change overnight to accommodate to changing environments. The aim of the study was to understand law enforcement officers' knowledge of these provisions, and their attitudes relating to intelligence sharing with other local, state and federal agencies.

For further information visit online.
New York Times

**Chris Smith, Ph.D** is cited in an article entitled “The Dissenter”, New York Times, by Jeffrey Rosen, 23, September 2007. The article examines Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and cites results from Dr. Chris Smith’s research. It states, “Stevens seems to have kept this lesson firmly in view. In criminal-justice cases from 1995 to 2001, according to numbers compiled by Christopher E. Smith of the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, of all the justices on the court, Stevens took the most expansive view of individual rights, voting against the government 69.7 percent of the time. (The next most liberal justices were Ginsburg at 60 percent, Souter at 57.6 percent and Breyer at 54.9 percent.).” To learn more about Dr. Smith’s research [online].

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Crippen: Forensic DNA Evidence

Dr. David Foran, Director of the Schools Forensic Science program, collaborated with John Harris Trestrail III, Director of the Regional Poison Center in Grand Rapids, to determine if Dr. Hawley Crippen committed the most famous murder in British history.

American physician Dr. Hawley Crippen was hung in London for poisoning, dismembering and burying his showgirl wife in his London cellar. Dr. David Foran, received from the Royal London Hospital Archives and Museum the same slide that was used by pathologist Bernard Spilsbury to hang Crippen. After examining the slide, Foran said “This can’t be Cora Crippen,” “We’re certain of that.” To learn more [online].

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Critical Incident Protocol
The School of Criminal Justice continues to provide leadership on a national, state, and local level through the establishment of public-private partnerships for joint crisis management. MSU works with cities, counties, and regions across the nation to create or enhance partnerships between the business community, non-profit organizations, and public agencies. This program is grant funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is offered at no-cost to participating communities.

To date, the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, has implemented the program in 35 communities in 21 states with over 2,500 key stakeholders participating in joint emergency preparedness planning, training, and exercising. We are currently seeking additional communities for participation.

To learn more visit [www.cip.msu.edu](http://www.cip.msu.edu) or contact Brit Weber, Program Director at (517) 355-2227.

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**JERITT Award**

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks, (NCBC) awarded Dr. Maureen Conner and Dr. Sharon George for advancing the partnership between the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks and the Judicial Administration Program at MSU. Congratulations on your awards!

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**Tournament of Friendship**

The Tournament of Friendship provides scholarships to students enrolled in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University.
University or the EMS/Fire Sciences program at Lansing Community College. To learn more contact [Tim Homberg](#) and feel free to visit the photo gallery at [online](#).

## Alumni

### Alumni Association Board

![Top Row: Ed McGarrell and Jim Botting • Ed McGarrell and Joe Jaksa • Ed McGarrell and William Wilson • Dave Carter •Bottom Row: Sterling Raehtz, Chris Conley, Brenda Williams & Matt Heins](#)

**2007 Annual Meeting:** The Alumni Board of Directors returned to campus homecoming weekend whereby they received an update from Ed McGarrell on the school’s progress. Ed noted the addition of two new faculty members, Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich and Christopher Melde and addressed our new web site, student enrollment, grant opportunities and curriculum. Dr. David Carter was also on hand to update members on his Homeland Security Intelligence Tool Box initiative. The board also had an opportunity to hear from Sterling Raehtz, President, Alpha Phi Sigma, Chris Conley, President, ACJA and Brenda Williams, President, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

Ed McGarrell also presented “Recognition of Service Awards” to outgoing board members Jim Botting and Joe Jaksa. He also recognized William Wilson for his service as President this past year.

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### Member Highlight

Meet Board Member [Matthew Heins 89’](#): Matt earned his BA from the School of Criminal Justice and a Masters in Public Administrations from Western Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern School of Staff and Command and the FBI Academy.

He began his career as a patrol officer with the Jackson Police Department where he earned the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief of Police. As of September 2007, Matt is
serving the Jackson Police Department as the Acting Chief of Police.

Matt and his wife Judy have a five-year old daughter with a new baby on the way.

Homecoming Tent

This year’s Homecoming tent activities included a visit from our #1 mascot SPARTY and Criminal Justice alums, Ellen Cokinos, Rod Kinghorn, Mike Oltersdorf, Fred Vanosdall and Don Weatherspoon. If you couldn’t join us this year, please stop by during Homecoming 2008.

Wall of Fame

The School of Criminal Justice inducted James M. Botting, Ellen Tsilimigras Cokinos, Dr. Robin N. Haarr and Dr. Jonathan R. White on October 14, 2007 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. These distinguished alums have attained the highest level of professional accomplishment and have demonstrated strong personal integrity and character. The Wall of Fame has honored thirty-seven alums since it’s inception in 2000 representing the “best of the best” in multiple disciplines in the field of Criminal Justice.

Class Notes

Barri Flowers, BA 77’, MS 80’ has two new short stories, “Gone But Not Forgotten” and “Doing the Right Thing” available live in the Amazon Shorts
Remembrance

The School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association Board would like to establish a virtual "Wall of Remembrance" to honor our alum that have fallen in the line of military or police duty. If you have any information regarding our fallen heroes, please contact Candy Curtis.

Looking Back

With the advent of World War II, enrollment in the Police Administration program declined. There were no graduates in 1945 and Don Bremer resigned. Bremer’s resignation brought Professor Thomas King, an attorney who taught criminal law, held assignments in the Office of the Dean of Students and ministered the Department of Police Administration during the World War II years. In 1946, he stepped down as administrator of Police Administration and recruited Arthur F. Brandstatter.

To learn more about our rich history you can purchase “Policing the Formative Years – of an Academic Discipline”, by Arthur F. Brandstatter. Just visit our Online Store.

Reminder

Send in your “Class Notes” for future publications and any nominations for the 2008 Wall of Fame to Candy Curtis. We look forward to hearing from you.

Online Store
The Holidays are coming and our Criminal Justice merchandise makes a great gift for students, alumni and friends. Visit our Online Store and check out our new arrivals.

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