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Enjoy reading the summer edition of the CJ e-News, our online networking and informational newsletter for our alumni, students and friends. This edition features interesting highlights, learning opportunities, ongoing research and alumni updates.

Stay informed of “e-Learning” courses that are being offered by the School. These credit and non-credit courses are designed to give students more flexibility in when and how they attend classes, and allow practitioners to continue their education according to their own schedules.

Class Notes have become a favorite among our alum and we look forward to articles for upcoming editions. If you have any “notes” and photos to share with fellow alums, please send them to Candy Curtis.

**Message from the Director**

Although the pace of a University campus changes a bit in the summer, it certainly does not slow down. That is particularly true for the School of Criminal Justice. Faculty are actively engaged in research and writing, summer courses are occurring on campus and online, and training workshops are being held throughout Michigan and the nation. Indeed, the week of June 18-22 witnessed researchers and police professionals coming to campus for a workshop on crime mapping offered by Professor Chris Maxwell and NIJ’s Ron Wilson.

The excellence of our faculty was reinforced by the summer announcement that David Foran and Bill Terrill were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor and awarded tenure. Part of the extensive review process involves soliciting reviews by leading scholars from around the world. The letters for David and Bill uniformly praised their outstanding scholarship and described them as leading scholars in their areas of forensic biology and policing, respectively.

MSU’s international reach was evident as Professor Mahesh Nalla traveled to Malta to help that country think through the development of an academic program in criminal justice. In June, a large contingent of MSU faculty, staff and students attended the 2nd Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Security. Turkish National Police officers and doctoral students, Nebi Centiya, Bilal Sevinc, and Onder Karakus graciously hosted Tim Bynum, John Hudzik, Robyn Mace, Chris Maxwell, Sheila Maxwell, Ed McGarrell, and Phil Schertzing. They were joined by Norm Graham (James Madison College) and Bill Taylor (Fisheries and Wildlife), who were also hosting an MSU Study Abroad Program, Sung Soo Chung (Visiting International Professional Programs), and Roy Barnes from the General Motors Global Security team. In addition to providing a significant number of MSU presentations, a highlight of the conference was a meeting with Governor Oguz Kagan Koksal, the Director...
General of TNP. The outcome of the meeting was a commitment to continue the research and educational collaboration between MSU and TNP.

Another important development during the summer was the first graduate of the Judicial Administration Certificate Program, April Colling. She is affiliated with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks and currently a case administrator/trainer for the Northern District of Ohio Bankruptcy Court, Canton Division. April also serves on several committees and provides customer support to attorneys and trustees. She completed her capstone experience under the direction of Dr. Maureen Conner and thus became our inaugural graduate of the certificate program. This past year also witnessed the initial enrollment of students in the graduate-level judicial administration specialization program and thus we anticipate future graduates at the masters-degree level.

Of course, these represent only a sample of the exciting developments in the School. Enjoy reading about additional developments in the stories that follow and please stay in touch because your contributions keep our e-News format and the School number “One”.

Criminal Justice Highlights

Foundation for Defense and Democracies Awards Fellowship
Sterling Raehzt received an undergraduate Fellowship on Terrorism that educates students about terrorist threats and the strategies necessary to prevent them. Sterling will travel to Tel Aviv in July for this fellowship and will visit military and police units as well as participate in field exercises.

Congratulations Sterling on this wonderful accomplishment!

Sterling Raehzt - State News photo

Fellow of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
Jeffrey Gruenwald received a Fellowship for the 2007-08 academic year (August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008) for his research on extremist homicide in the United States.

Congratulations Jeffrey on your selection! We are confident that your ongoing work will help advance the research mission of START!
**Jorge Espejal-Contreras Scholarship Award**

Michigan State University Criminal Justice Ph.D. student Jeremy G. Carter is the 2007 recipient of a Scholarship Award from the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA).

Applicants submitted essays on "The Future of Law Enforcement Intelligence as a Profession" as the criteria for the Jorge Espejal-Contreras Scholarship award. Jeremy will receive a $1,000 scholarship and have his essay published in the *IALEIA Journal*. MSU Academic Specialist Merle Manzi sponsored Jeremy’s membership in IALEIA.

Congratulations Jeremy!

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**MSU International Studies & Programs Fellowship**

Mohammad Vaqas Ali will be receiving an ISP pre-dissertation Fellowship for 2007-2008.

We wish you the very best Mohammad!

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**Outstanding Senior Award**

Marty Schmuckel received this year’s outstanding senior award. Marty, graduated with honors and served as President of Alpha Phi Sigma.

Congratulations Marty. We wish you many future successes.

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**Enhancing Organizational Preparedness**

Are you interested in a free program with Michigan State University (MSU) facilitating a public-private partnership for joint crisis management in your community? MSU offers the Critical Incident Protocol (CIP) – Community Facilitation Program to cities, counties, or regions throughout the nation. MSU brings together the business community with their local government to share resources, initiate joint strategic planning, and create a collaborative atmosphere for managing crisis, disasters, and emergencies. The CIP Program is provided at no cost to participating communities and is grant funded by the Training & Education Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We look forward to discussing the benefits of implementing partnerships to enhance your organization and community’s level of emergency preparedness. Check out [CIP](#) for more information.
American Academy of Forensic Science
The School of Criminal Justice Forensic Science Department's graduate students and faculty presented their work at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in San Antonio. Additionally, graduate student, Heather Dotzauer received the 2006-07 FSF and Jan Bashinski the Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant Award.

Presentations were:

**Talks**

*Genetic Identification of Improvised Explosive Device Assemblers*, Stefanie L. Kremer, BA; Michael E. Gehring, MS; Shawn E. Stallworth; David R. Foran, PhD

*Stages of Epiphyseal Union in the Cervical Vertebrae of Young Adult Skeletons*, Melissa A Torpey, MS

*Polymerase Resistance to PCR Inhibitors in Bone*, Ken D. Eilert, BS; David R. Foran, PhD

*Criminal Paternity DNA Testing of Microscopically-Identified Chorionic Villi in Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded Products of Conception*, Ann E. Gordon, MS; Joyce L. deJong, DO; David R. Foran, PhD

**Poster Sessions**

*Evaluation of Field Tissue Storage Methods Optimal for Preserving DNA*, Rith R. Yim, BS; David R. Foran, PhD

*Optimization of Solid-Phase Microextraction/GC-MS for the Extraction of Organic Impurities in Seized MDMA*, Heather M. Dotzauer, BS; Ruth J.H. Waddell, PhD

*Performance of the Reflected Ultraviolet Imaging System (RUVIS) in Visualizing Latent Fingerprints on Various Non-Porous and Semi-Porous Surfaces*, Agnieszka N. Steiner, BA

*The Validation of Gene Expression as a Means to Predicting the Age of the Blowfly Lucilia sericata*, Aaron M. Tarone, BS; David R. Foran, PhD

*Persistence of Gunshot Residue (GSR) in Decomposing Tissue Samples*, Luther S. Schaeffer, BS; Ruth J.H. Waddell, PhD
US National Fish & Wildlife Services Tour
“Enlightening”
Dr. David Foran, Director of the Forensic Science Program, Carole Gibbs, Assistant Professor with the School of Criminal Justice and Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Dr. Ed McGarrell, and Sadik Arin, doctoral student from the Turkish National Police, found the tour of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory to be a most enlightening experience.

Additionally, Carole, Ed and Arin, along with Bill Taylor, Chair of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, met with law enforcement officials from the Natural Resource Agencies of Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, and South Dakota to discuss research and continuing education issues related to conservation law enforcement.

Research Counts

Jesenia Pizarro, Ph.D., received her doctoral degree in Criminal Justice from the School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark, in 2005. Her research focuses on the social ecology of homicide and corrections policy. Jesenia’s general areas of interest include the social ecology of violent crime, homicide victimization and perpetration, corrections policy, international and transnational crime, comparative criminal justice systems, and criminological theory.

Explaining gang homicides in Newark, New Jersey: Collective behavior or social disorganization? Jesenia M. Pizarro, Jean Marie McGloin

Although numerous studies examined the distinction between gang and non-gang homicides, there is nonetheless a continued need for research in this domain. Specifically, few studies investigated the etiological differences between these homicides at the multivariate level or attempted to examine the relative robustness of the primary explanations of gang homicides—social disorganization and Decker’s (1996) collective behavior hypothesis of gang violence. This article addresses this void by focusing on gang-related homicides in Newark, New Jersey over a sixty-six month period.

For more information contact Jesenia Pizarro.

e-Learning

Professional Development Non-Credit

Counter-Terrorism Awareness - This is a self-paced, web-based training program available to verified U.S. law enforcement personnel.


Police Supervision - A new and bold online blended learning certificate program for
first-line supervisors and managers.

**Judicial Administration** - Case flow, Human Resources and Information Technology Management, Leadership, Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts and more.

**Graduate Studies Credit**

**Alumni Corner**

**Spirit of Giving**

The School of Police Administration and Public Safety emerged as one of the three pioneering schools in the United States. Through leadership and achievement the School of Police Administration and Public Safety transformed into the School of Criminal Justice maintaining tradition while building towards the future through discovery, innovation and growth. Today’s School of Criminal Justice remains the single most justice focused educational program that can trace its professional and intellectual history back to the 1930’s.

Although tradition is important, it is even more important that the School continue its leadership role in the field of criminal justice. However, to succeed we need alumni and friends to help us continue the tradition and excellence we have all come to know.

Please join us by contributing to one of the many scholarships or endowments that enhance our ability to stay a leader in the criminal justice field.

For more information on how you can contribute please visit [Spirit of Giving](#).

**Wall of Remembrance**

The SCJ alumni 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](#).

**e-Link with Alumni Board**

**Robert Engel 75’** – Bob became a “Spartan” in September of 1971, graduating from the School of Criminal Justice in 1975. He furthered his educational goals while a student at Cooley Law School and graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1976. Bob has also served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Sanilac in Sandusky Michigan as well as a Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Emmet in Petoskey Michigan. As a retired prosecutor, he began the law firm Engel Law, PLLC in Petoskey. Bob, now a general practitioner, works in all aspects of the law with a focus on criminal defense and court appointed cases.

He has also been an active member of the Criminal Justice Alumni Board serving as a past President as well as a current member.

Thanks Bob for your service to the Alumni Board. We appreciate your time and commitment to the School.

**Class Notes**
Harold Fabriz, 58’ read the article in the winter edition of the e-News about Dr. Lemoyne Snyder and sent us his reflections.

“I had Dr. Lemoyne Snyder's book, Homicide Investigation, in 1955, before coming to MSU in 1956, and recently gave it to a Medical School student here at the University of Minnesota, whose ambition is to follow a career in forensic medicine. Jack Ryan, a MSU professor in the School of Police Administration, mentored me in 1955, which convinced me to attend the Police Administration program at MSU. He took me on a guided tour of the campus just before leaving for the U.S. Army in late 1955. I returned to Michigan the next fall, 1956, and graduated in June 1958. Jack Ryan was killed in Vietnam, but I have contact with his son here in Minnesota. My law enforcement career finally ended in April, 2005.”

With fond memories,
Harold Fabriz
St. Paul,
Minnesota

Station Training Officers (STO), Baghdad - Dennis Shaw, '79 a retiree from the Lansing City Police Department and a former Juvenile Justice Specialist with the School of Criminal Justice is currently working in Baghdad as a Director/Unit Manager of an officer training station. Dennis has sent us an update on his mission in Iraq to share with fellow alum and friends.

Upon his arrival in Baghdad, Dennis’s assignment was with the Baghdad Police College “Specialized Training Unit- SATU that trained First Line, Mid-level and Executive Leadership Courses to Iraqi officers. Dennis has trained over a thousand analysts for the National Investigative Information Agency. After 11 months in charge of the NIIA, he began training an Executive Leadership Class for Colonels and Generals. He now is at a large training facility in the Mosu area called the Q-West (Qayy Arah) working with specialized training needs for Iraqi Officers where they in turn will train officers in stations around Iraq

Dennis has met many Iraqis that want this new democracy to succeed after years of dictatorial suppression. The problems are many, however, they have a great deal of dedicated military personnel and some very dedicated experienced police officers from around the United States assisting them with their mission.

Thanks for the update Dennis, hope to see you back stateside soon and keep up the good work!

Thomas Nicolette, 72’ - President of Nicolette Consulting Group Limited and a member of the SCJ Alumni board has been retained by 11 publicly traded and private companies worldwide, to provide Business Development and Management Consulting Services. Recently, Akers Biosciences, Inc., a public company traded on the London Stock Exchange AIM (“AKR.L”), has retained Tom.

Congratulations Tom and your business success and please keep us updated!”
**Alum to Appear on Crime Stories** - Barri Flowers, BA 77’, MS 80’, will be appearing on a popular Canadian crime investigative TV series, *Crime Stories*, to talk about his St. Martin’s true crime book, *The Sex Slave Murders*. This publication chronicles serial killer couple, Gerald and Charlene Gallego, and the investigation that led to their arrest and prosecution. *Crime Stories* broadcasts in over 150 countries as well as A&E’s Biography channel.

Barri is also excited about his new holiday release in December, *Christmas Heat*, a romance novel, (Kimani Press, 2007), under the pseudonym, Devon Vaughn Archer.

Congratulations Barri on your accomplishments!

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**SCJ Alum Appointed to Liquor Control Commission** – On May 2, 2007, Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Don Weatherspoon, 67’, to the liquor control commission. He is an Adjunct Associate professor at the School of Criminal Justice and a 2000 Wall of Fame inductee.

Congratulations Don!

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**Looking Back**

Robert Trojanowicz was a pioneer of the community policing movement. Beginning in the late 1970’s, he directed cutting-edge research with the Flint (Michigan) Neighborhood Foot Patrol Program by encouraging cooperation between the police and the community to solve local crime problems and build relationships. This “new” policing concept helped launch the community policing movement by restructuring police priorities in ways that provided entire communities the best chance of becoming safer and by helping to make all neighborhoods more crime and drug resistant.

"Trojo" twice served as Director of the School of Criminal Justice and founded the National Center for Community Policing. Robert was also a senior research fellow in the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Trojanowicz co-authored *Community Policing: How to Get Started* and consulted with police agencies around the world. For more information on Dr. Trojanowicz and our School's rich history, go to our [SCJ Online Store](#) for a copy of *Policing - The Formative Years of an Academic Discipline* by Arthur F. Brandstatter.

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Alum Reminder

Send in your “Class Notes” for future publications and any nominations for the 2007 Wall of Fame to Candy Curtis. We look forward to hearing from you.

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