Message from the Director

During early February, I opened the Lansing State Journal to find an article about Chief Tom Wibert, B.S., 88, receiving the "Life Saving Award" from the East Lansing Police Department for his heroic efforts saving the life of a 17-young-old woman who was seriously injured in a traffic accident. That weekend I talked to Academic Specialist Dennis Shaw B.S., 78'. Dennis was calling from Baghdad where he is training the Iraqi national police in law enforcement intelligence, an assignment he has carried out for over a year.

Although Chief Wibert and Dennis's actions represent truly remarkable contributions to the community and the nation, they are also indicative of the excellence of so many alumni of the School of Criminal Justice. Indeed, over the last few months we have seen many examples of outstanding contributions of our alums. Sameer Hinduja Ph.D., 04', an assistant professor at Florida Atlantic University, and Justin Patchin Ph.D., 04' an assistant professor at...
University of Wisconsin Eeu Claire, have gained national attention for their research and engagement activities related to "cyberbullying." Assistant Professor Kristy Holtfreter, Ph.D., 04’, Florida State University, seen discussing economic crime with former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft following her presentation at the 2006 Economic Crime in the 21st Century Conference. Wendy Jackman, M.S., 05’ received a rotary fellowship to study at Victoria University in New Zealand. Associate Professor Barbara Koons-Witt Ph.D.,00', from the University of South Carolina awarded the New Scholar Award and Associate Professor Robin Haarr, Ph.D.,95’, from Eastern Kentucky University, the Coramae Richey Mann "Inconvenient Woman" Award, both from the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology.

These accomplishments and many more activities are detailed in the following pages. They reflect the long-standing excellence of the school and remind us that ultimately, that excellence comes from the individual contributions of so many students, alumni, staff, and faculty involved with the school.

Criminal Justice Highlights

SCJ Intelligence Program - Dr. David Carter has received three grants from the Department of Homeland Security totaling nearly $7.5 million dollars to provide training and technical assistance to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop an intelligence capacity as per the recommendations of the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan.

Today we have trained over 1,200 people representing nearly 700 different law enforcement agencies from 35 states and 3 foreign countries. We are starting a new program that will run simultaneously with the original "Intelligence Toolbox" that primarily will support the states' Intelligence Fusion Centers as well as the Information Sharing Environment Implementation Plan from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. MSU SCJ has received a great deal of favorable recognition for our programs. We are proud to announce that Dr. Carter has been appointed to several national committees on intelligence issues for both the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security.

With his appointment, Michigan State University is the only college or university represented on these committees.

Beyond these programs, we are also offering an academic Intelligence Certificate, which has been very well received, and we are finalizing the curriculum for a new Master's Degree in Intelligence and Analysis. Our relationship also continues with the DEA Office of Intelligence with the assignment of Hal Wilson to the School. This is the first and only program of its kind with DEA.

Dr. David Carter was also able to establish a Collegiate Partnership with the i2 Software Corporation. They produce an intelligence analysis program called "The Analyst Notebook" which is a powerful analytic program that is the "industry standard" in the intelligence community. Because of this partnership, we have received 30 site licenses and staff training from i2 valued at
$350,000 for us to use in our academic courses and training programs.

For more information on the Intelligence Program check out Intelligence Program and Homeland Security.

Rotary International Scholarship - has been awarded to Wendy Jackman. The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. She will be assigned to Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, beginning February 2008. Congratulations Wendy!

Career Fair 2007 - was held on Tuesday, February 20th, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University. This year's annual event was once again a resounding success for our students and participating agencies. There were public and private organizations, from the local, State and Federal sectors. Many of the students and alumni in attendance made valuable connections for part-time jobs, internships and full-time employment.

For more information contact tim.homberg@ssc.msu.edu.

Royal Thai Scholars Visit - Anne Schneller, MSUAA, was pleased to announce to the Royal Thai Scholars that Thiti Mahacharoen has been accepted into the School of Criminal Justice doctoral program. Congratulations Thiti.
Fish and Wildlife Collaboration
- Ed McGarrell and Carole Gibbs were delighted to accompany Bill Taylor (Chair) and Shawn Riley (Professor) of Fish and Wildlife, for a day of fishing on Lake Michigan. The trip gave both Ed and Carole a better understanding of the importance of the salmon and steelhead fishery of Lake Michigan to the states economy and recreation. Carole Gibbs, who studies environmental crime and Ed McGarrell are collaborating with Bill Taylor and Shawn Riley on the role of law enforcement in environmental protection and natural resource management.

Critical Incident Protocol - is grant funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is offered at no cost to participating communities.

Since the inception of the program, over 2000 public and private sector professionals from 30 communities in 19 states have participated in the program in effort to enhance collaboration and cooperation for emergency preparedness. Program facilitators are seeking at least 20 new communities over the next two years.

If you would like to learn more about this program, please visit our website at www.cip.msu.edu or contact Brit Weber, Program Director by telephone (517) 355-2227 or email weberbr@msu.edu.

Judicial Administration Hosted NACM President - Howard "Skip" Chesshire, current president of the National Association for Court Management (NACM) and the current Court Administrator of Cobb Superior Court in Marietta, Georgia for a recent two-day visit (December 5th - December 6th, 2006).

During his whirlwind visit to MSU, Mr. Chesshire engaged in several strategic MSU/NACM partnership discussions with President Lou Anna K. Simon, Dr. John Hudzik - Vice President of Global Engagement & Strategic Projects, Dr. Ed McGarrell - Director - School of Criminal Justice, Dr. Maureen E. Conner - Director, Judicial Administration Program, and Dr. Sharon L. George, Judicial Administration Program Academic and Student Services Administrator. Mr. Chesshire was also introduced to members of Michigan's own court administration community.

A tour of the physical campus, including the cyclotron and science building, concluded his MSU experience.

The focus of the group is to foster collaboration between law enforcement and victim services in identifying and rescuing victims of human trafficking. Additionally, the goals of evaluating and analyzing legislative mechanisms to combat trafficking, collecting and disseminating data and networking information as well as providing training opportunities are included in the work that this Task Force has undertaken.

Michigan is one of 13 states highlighted as being a target area for this serious criminal problem. If you have any questions or further information, please contact Jane White at 517-749-2345 or jane.white@ssc.msu.edu.

New Assistant Professor - Chris Melde has accepted a risk faculty position with the School of Criminal Justice. Chris comes from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. His areas of interest include, evaluation research, perceptions of crime, juvenile delinquency/victimization, corrections, criminological theory, and research methods. Chris's most recent publication is Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia 2007, Journal of Crime and Justice 30(1).

We are very pleased to have Chris join us next fall.

Research Counts
Professor William Terrill's research focuses primarily in the areas of policing and program evaluation. He has directed several nationally funded research projects and has published numerous scholarly articles on policing, crime in public housing, and systematic social observation. He earned his Ph.D. in 2000 from the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, Newark and became a member of our faculty in 2005.

He has most recently published "Police Education, Experience, and the Use of Force." *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 34 (2): 179-196 with Eugene A. Paoline, III. This publication addresses how police researchers have devoted a considerable amount of empirical attention to testing the impact college education has on police performance.

The findings indicate that varying levels of education and experience are related to differences in the use of coercion in encounters with citizens. Encounters involving officers with any college education result in significantly less verbal force compared to those with a high school education. However, only those encounters involving officers with a 4-year degree result in significantly less physical force. Finally, encounters involving officers with greater experience result in less verbal and physical force.

Other publications of Dr. Terrill include:


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

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Thomas Brennan Jr., 74' - served as a judge on the 55th District Court in Mason, Ingham County, State of Michigan, from January 1981 through December 2004 and retired after twenty-six years of public service. Tom received a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 1974, majoring in Criminal Justice and a degree of Juris Doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. He is currently a member of the MSU Criminal Justice Alumni Board of Directors and an adjunct professor in the Lansing Community College Public Careers Department, teaching Criminal Procedure Law. He has also been approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice in collaboration with the National association of Drug Court Professionals d.b.a. the National Drug Court Institute, to serve as faculty for the Institute.

Most recently, he has been appointed to teach Criminal Procedure Law in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University beginning in the fall of 2007. In 2005, Judge Brennan, in honor of
his two sons who both suffer from Type I Diabetes, created and organized Lansing's first ever Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure, held on August 6th, which raised almost $100,000 for the JDRF. It is now an annual event.

The Judge, his wife Julie and two sons are all MSU graduates as well as avid Spartan fans. He enjoys playing hockey and golf and doing anything that brings the family together.

**Wall of Fame** - The School is taking [2007 applications for nomination online](#). If you have any questions please contact Candy Curtis. Deadline for nomination is June 30, 2007.

Don't forget, you can view the 2006 Wall of Fame video at [CJ](#) [Youtube](#) or download form iTunes for personal podcasting.

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**Class Notes**

**Richard Myers, 76', 89'** - accepted an offer to become the next police chief for the City of Colorado Springs. Chief Myers retired from the Appleton Police Department in mid-January (after 12 years as Chief of Police) to begin his duties in Colorado Springs.

Myers, a native of lower Michigan, served previously as Chief at the Plymouth Police Department from 1985 to 1991. Prior to that, he also was a former officer in Auburn Hills, Oak Park and a Deputy for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Myers graduated from Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice with a Bachelor's degree in 1976 and a Master's Degree in 1989. Myers will assume leadership of an agency with almost 700 sworn officers and total employment of almost 1000.

Congratulations Chief Myers on both your retirement and your new job in Colorado Springs.

**Trinka Porrata, 70'** - was an editor of the State News during her MSU years, worked for Newsweek magazine and other journalist endeavors before becoming one of the first field-certified female officers at the Los Angeles Police Department. She served for 25 years (patrol, sexual assaults, crime lab and narcotics) retiring as a field narcotics supervisor in '99.
Trinka is currently a drug consultant and is considered the nation's expert on the drug gamma hydroxy butyrate (GHB), one of the 40-plus drugs used to facilitate sexual assault. She is also the president of Project GHB (www.projectghb.org), a nonprofit dedicated to education and research regarding all aspects of GHB and other current drug abuse trends.

She has published chapters in several reference books and will soon have two books out with Law Tech Publishing as editor/author, "Drug ID & Symptoms Guide" (totally updated version) and "G'd Up 24/7: GHB Addiction for Medical, Corrections & Law Enforcement Professionals." Both should be out in early 2007.

The International GHB & Chemical Drug Conference is scheduled for March 23-25, 2007 in the Dallas Texas area (Arlington). For more information on the conference, please visit them online.

Thanks Trinka for keeping us updated.

Looking Back

Dr. Lemoyne Snyder - Police Administration at Michigan State University was introduced in 1935. Because of the ongoing need for education and training of police, it became one of four-degree granting programs established in the 1930's.

Two of the people most active in this effort were Commissioner Olander of the State Police and Dr. Lemoyne Snyder, medico-legal consultant to the State Police. Dr. Snyder was a principal catalyst in the development of police education in Michigan.

He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, attended Harvard and interned in New York City, where he is known to have treated "Legs" Diamond a notorious gangster, who had been badly wounded by gunfire. While practicing medicine he studied law and authored a book entitled "Homicide Investigation".

Dr. Lemoyne Snyder's leadership, expertise and commitment for Scientific Police Training led to the approval of the Department of Police Administration at Michigan State University. For more information on Dr. Snyder 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.
Memoriam

Ray Dugan, 52' passed away Jan. 21, 2007. He attended high school at North Hampton but graduation was interrupted by enlisting in the U.S. Army, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, and 101st Airborne where he received both the Bronze Star and Good Conduct medal. Ray made 21 jumps including the European Theater of Operations at Normandy. He served active duty from 1940-45, re-enlisted from 1948-50 and remained in the service as a Reserve Commissioned Officer, 2nd Lieutenant, until 1953.

In addition to his DDay jump at Normandy, he fought all the way thru the Hedge Rows of France, battles in Holland and later fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Ray was employed with the B&O Railroad in OH and worked as an Adjuster for the Traveler's Insurance Group while attending college. In 1956, the family relocated to Kansas City taking a job with the Rock Island Railroad as Chief of Police until 1980. Ray took a position as the General Superintendent of Railroad Police with the Chesapeake, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from 1980 until 1985 when he retired as the oldest railroad police chief in the nation.

Joseph Patton 52' and Rees Smith 52' - have also passed away.

Ray, Joe and Rees, class of 52' will be greatly missed by the School and their fellow alums.

Thank you Mike (Mike Weinstein 52') for sharing this information for the newsletter.

Alum Reminder

Send in your Class Notes for future publications to Candy Curtis. We look forward to hearing from you.

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