Dear Spartan

The campus at Michigan State University is bustling with students and the fall scenery is breath taking. We hope you enjoy reading the 2008 fall edition of the SCJ 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 online to get updated information about alumni, academic and certificate programs, research and professional development as well as be acquainted with our graduate scholarship giving opportunities. For our alum, please take the time to update your contact information so we can keep you updated on the School's activities.

Banner Photo: Graduate Students, Left to Right, 1st Row: Charlie Scheer, Juyoung Song, Mustafa Halicioglu, Ismail Demirkol, Melissa Garmo and Jack Drew. 2nd Row: Wook Kang, Jessica Fry, Roy Fenhoff, Manish Madan, Serkan Tasgin and Tia Stevens. 3rd Row: Juli Liebler, Julie Yingling, Joe Johnson, Bilal Sevinc and Jenn Melvin. 4th Row: Raymund Narag, Mike Suttmöller, Jeremy Carter, Ryan Martz, Eric Grommon, Jeff Gruenewald, Mohammad Ali and Seok-Jin Jeong

Message from the Director

The 2008-09 academic year is particularly exciting for the School of Criminal Justice, as an extremely strong group of scholars has been added to the School’s already exceptional faculty. Assistant Professors Soma Chaudhuri (Ph.D. Vanderbilt University), Thomas Holt (Ph.D. University of Missouri St. Louis), Louie Rivers (Ph.D. Ohio State University), and April Zeoli, (Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University) bring research and education strengths in delinquency, juvenile justice, cyber-crime, risk and decision science, public health, intimate partner violence, and both qualitative and quantitative methods. Additionally, Jeremy Wilson (Ph.D. Ohio State University) joins the School as an Associate Professor and Associate Director for Research. Jeremy comes to the School from the RAND Corporation, with whom he continues to collaborate, where he was Associate Director of the Center on Quality Policing and Director of the Police Recruitment and Retention Clearinghouse. Jeremy’s interests are in policing, violence prevention, and internal security.

While on the faculty front, I would also like to recognize the accomplishments of Professors Steve Chermak, Merry Morash, and Chris Maxwell. Steve, who has established an outstanding research relationship with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) as well as with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, has been promoted to full professor. Merry has been named as fellow of the American Society of Criminology. This is one of the most prestigious awards available to criminologists and recognizes Merry’s many contributions through her research scholarship and her mentoring
of students who have become established scholars in their own right. Chris has been appointed Associate Dean for Research in the College of Social Science. As Associate Dean, Chris builds on not only his own research activities but also his very successful leadership of the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data.

Another very important accomplishment occurred this summer and fall through the MSU School of Staff and Command. Indeed, in October the first class of police leaders graduated from the School of Staff and Command. The School utilizes a cutting-edge problem-based learning approach that actively engages these police professionals in addressing problems confronted in their law enforcement agencies. My thanks to an outstanding advisory group comprised of Chief Executives from local and state of Michigan agencies as well as the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Particular thanks to Kim Lawrence, Audrey Martini, and Jane White for their herculean efforts to make the School a reality. We have received very insightful feedback from this initial class and look forward to incorporating this advice in the next class. The School of Staff and Command is a key component of the Center for Police Executive Development.

During 2008-09, the School will undergo an external review. As part of this process, we will seek input from faculty, students, academic specialists, staff and alumni. We value the thoughts and suggestions of all those connected to the School and appreciate those who will provide such.

As is always the case, there is much more that I could "brag" about. Enjoy the newsletter to get a sense of this activity.

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**Spotlight**

**Forensic Technology**

**DNA Survives Bomb Blast**
Dr. David Foran explains to David Williams from the Discovery Channel how it is done through this intriguing science documentary. To view click on [DNA Survives Bomb Blast](#).

**Hawley Crippen, Crime of the Century Solved**
Dr. David Foran an expert in DNA analysis with the School of Criminal Justice examined one of the slides used in the trial of Hawley Crippen accused of murdering his wife Cora almost 100 years ago. Dr. Foran found that the remains found in the basement did not match that of his wife Cora. We introduced you to this sensational murder solving mystery last year and now you can view the entire story in a video just released on Secrets of the Dead a PBS special. This is a Must See!

**Forensic Science Educational Conference**
Professors David Foran and Ruth Smith along with the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and our staff, particularly Melissa Christie conducted a four day on-campus forensic science conference to help high school science teachers develop forensic science courses for their local school districts. Many educators are finding that a class in forensic science helps keep students interested in the sciences, as it allows them to "apply" the chemistry, biology and physics they have taken.

**Awards**

**Terry Nafisi** received the College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award. Dr. Maureen Conner, Executive Director of the JERITT project nominated Terry for the SSC award for her dedication and leadership as a course developer for the Judicial Administration program as well as acting as an adjunct professor teaching Historical Foundations/Contemporary Frameworks of Judicial Administration. Terry Nafisi is a Deputy Circuit Executive, Ninth Circuit Judicial Council.

Congratulations Terry on this most distinguished award!

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**Merry Morash, Ph.D.**, professor and former Director of the School of Criminal Justice, is an American Society of Criminology (ASC) Fellow Recipient. Her publications focus on women and girls who have broken the law, police stress and coping, delinquency, and intimate partner
violence, especially among immigrant groups. Dr. Morash has authored the book, *Understanding Gender, Crime, and Justice* (Sage 2006), and is a former editor of the Journal, *Social Problems*. She is currently writing a book on gender responsive and traditional community supervision for women offenders and is a past recipient of the Division of Women & Crime's Distinguished Scholar Award. Dr. Morash's award was for her contributions to feminist scholarship and mentoring of women in the field of criminal justice.

Congratulations Merry on your many successes!

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Graduate Update

Carol Zimmermann, Ph.D has finished her doctoral work and has taken an Assistant Professor's position at Saginaw Valley State University Department of Criminal Justice. Carol, we wish you the very best in your new position.

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New Faculty

*Photo: Left to Right, Christopher Melde, Jeremy Wilson, April Zeoli, Soma Chaudhuri and Louie Rivers, (Thomas Holt not pictured)*

**Thomas Holt, Ph.D** research interests include cyber-crime victimization, role of on-line communication, on-line data to inform law enforcement, and hacker social organization with multiple data sources.

**Christopher Melde, Ph.D** research interests include youth violence (e.g., gangs, school crime), adolescent perceived risk and fear of victimization, and the evaluation of crime and victimization prevention/intervention programs. Current research projects include the evaluation of two school-based delinquencies and victimization prevention programs GREAT and Teens, Crime, and the Community: Community Works (principal investigator, Finn-
Aage Esbensen).

**Jeremy Wilson, Ph.D** recently was a Behavioral Scientist at the Rand Corporation, where, as an adjunct, he continues his roles as Associate Director of the Center on Quality Policing and Director of the Police Recruitment and Retention Clearinghouse. While at RAND, he also held the Willett Chair in Public Safety in the Center for Public Safety at Northwestern University.

**April Zeoli, Ph.D** research interests include the examination of public policy as a tool through which to reduce intimate partner and youth violence. Her general research interests include the role of firearms and alcohol in violence, the criminal justice system response to intimate partner violence, and whether policy responses to intimate partner violence have a differential affect on male versus female perpetration.

**Soma Chaudhuri, Ph.D** is a qualitative sociologist, specializing on witch-hunts, deviant behavior and social movements. Her research interests also include juvenile delinquency, gender in the developing world, property rights for women and South Asia.

**Louie Rivers, Ph.D** research interest includes the examination of risk perception and decision-making processes in minority and marginalized communities, particularly in regards to the natural environment and the communication of risk to these communities.

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**Distinguished Speaker Series**

Dr. Michael Radelet, an expert on Death Penalty and Professor at the University of Colorado visited our campus in September to speak on *The Changing Nature of Death Penalty Debates.*

**Michael L. Radelet, Ph.D,** University of Colorado, Department of Sociology visited our campus in September to speak on *The Changing Nature of Death Penalty Debates.*

Dr. Radelet is one of the world's leading authorities on the death penalty. He is the author or editor of a number of books on capital punishment including *Facing the Death Penalty, In Spite of Innocence, Executing the Mentally Ill, Capital Punishment in the United States of...*
Dr. Michael Radelet is the son of the late Louis A. Radelet, a legendary professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Louis A. Radelet was firmly committed to improving police community relations and "humanizing" the police and was one of the founders of the National Center on Police and Community Relations. His devotion to criminal justice education led to the establishment of the Louis A. Radelet Graduate Diversity Scholarship.

Online Crime Analysis Course

Matthew White has joined the School as an adjunct faculty to teach a crime analysis course online in the spring. Matt has turned the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office into one of the best crime analysis units in the world. To be the best, it requires more than brilliant analysts and the understanding of police managers, it requires a system fueled by information and data explains Matt. He feels that it is possible for a policing agency to progress quickly from an ordinary crime analysis unit to a great unit if it addresses the problems with the "engine".

Welcome aboard Matt!
Council of Graduate Students

Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is for all graduate and professional students at Michigan State University. COGS addresses a host of issues ranging from degree requirements, housing and health care as well as actively promoting the improvement of both the individual and collective graduate experience. Our third year graduate student Manish Madan is serving as the current President. Under his leadership, the Council has organized a prayer vigil at the Rock for the students of Northern Illinois University and coordinated an open forum on Campus Safety and Us that featured graduate student F/Lt. Penny Fischer, JD as a guest speaker. Additionally, the Council is working to enhance graduate professional development by proposing to be a participant in the Graduate Annual Research Recognition Conference (GARRC). This participation would include a conference to highlight research and ideas from multi-disciplinary fields, give our student researcher's valuable experience in presentation as well as connect within academic circles.

Manish also expresses his "sincere gratitude to the School of Criminal Justice for their support and encouragement in the doctoral program, and the extra curricular activities". He also thanks Professor Morash for the opportunity to highlight GARRC in the e-News and Professor Nalla "for his constant mentoring, guidance, and a proper direction from time to time".

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National Institute of Justice Award

Professors' David Carter and Steve Chermak along with our Director Ed McGarrell have received a $300,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice for a nationwide assessment of intelligence practices and implications of law enforcement agencies and intelligence fusion centers. The study is the first of its kind.

Congratulations on receiving this award!
Tournament of Friendship

Left to Right, Bill Terrill, Corey McGarrell, Ed McGarrell and Steve Chermak

The 2008 Tournament of Friendship golf outing was another huge success due to the efforts of Tim Homberg with the East Lansing Police Department, Lansing Police and Fire Department, Michigan State Police and the Lansing Area Hispanic Business Association. The tournament provides scholarships to students enrolled in the School or the EMS/Fire Sciences program at Lansing Community College. Scholarship winners for this year were Ryan Flint and Jealisha Calvert.

Learn more >>

Research

Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Ph.D is an Associate Professor. Her research interests include international/comparative criminal justice, policing (police integrity, police misconduct, police corruption), and courts (lay participation and judges). Dr. Ivkovich teaches CJ 335, Policing and ISS 315, Comparative Criminal Justice.

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Adams Academy

Robyn Mace is one of 15 instructors selected
to participate in the Walter and Pauline Adams Academy for Instructional Excellence and Innovation. This new Michigan State University initiative provides a cross-disciplinary cohort of instructors with opportunities to further their development. The Adams Academy honors Michigan State University's past-President Walter Adams and his wife Pauline, both faculty emeriti.

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Photo: Michigan State University Past-President, Walter Adams

START Conference

Academic Poster Contest
Criminal Justice undergraduate students Marcia Williamson and Sterling Raehetz along with doctoral student Jeff Gruenewald presented their research at the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) conference. Jeff won first place during the graduate poster competition and Sterling came in second in the undergraduate.

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Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism

Front, Robyn Mace, Back, Left to Right, Captain EniL Arstanbekov and Captain MaiRambek Tavaldiev
**Robyn Mace** led an advanced training course in the use of force to Kyrgyz military officers in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The training was sponsored by NATO’s Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) and addressed issues of international law, rules of engagement, police and military responses to social unrest and disaster situations. Additionally, Dr. Mahesh Nalla, Bilal Sevinc, doctoral candidate and Robyn Mace, CPP also provided a workshop on *Crowd and Riot Events Including Terrorist Activities* in Ankara, Turkey.

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**Alumni**

Alumni Association Board

Left to Right, Doreen Olko, Mike Oltersdorf, Bill Nash, Ed McGarrell and Bruce Sokolove

**SCJAA**

The School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association met for their annual Fall board meeting at the Kellogg Center during homecoming weekend. Director Ed McGarrell updated the board on the School's continuing growth and achievements as well as thanking our Past President **Bill Wilson** for his outstanding service.

The board will welcome new members in the coming year and appreciate **Doreen Olko's** commitment to serve for another term. **Bruce Sokolove** will serve as President and **Mike Thompson** will serve as Vice-President.

Thank you Bill for your commitment to the Alumni Association Board!

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**President Update**

Greetings Fellow CJ Spartans!

Homecoming 2008 was a total success!
The weather spirits blessed us with moderate temperatures and mainly blue skies, albeit a chilly Homecoming Parade route along Grand River Avenue. At least that is what folks were saying because a large turnout of School of Criminal Justice Spartans were snug and warm in the Red Cedar room at the Kellogg Center during the Wall of Fame induction ceremony on Friday evening.

Please mark your calendar for next year's induction ceremony that will be held on October 23, 2009 at the Kellogg Center. The alumni board voted to move this event from an already crowded Homecoming weekend to make it easier for our guests to find lodging and avoid conflicts with other on-campus activities. Furthermore, please check out how YOU can nominate a future inductee.

The SCJAA Board Meeting was held on October 3, 2008, prior to the Homecoming festivities. The four action-packed hours resulted in some very significant changes in our bylaws that include increasing the terms of duty of our board members from three to four years and adding an additional year to the term of the President and Vice President to make it a two-year stint. These changes will foster greater board continuity, which in turn, should enable us to more efficiently accomplish our goals.

**Membership**
The upcoming Alumni Association board will include Chief Doreen Olko, Auburn Hills Police Department who was re-elected to serve another term, Raymond Beach, Executive Director of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), retired Chief of Troy, John Donovan, Robert Parsons, Ph.D, retired Director of Criminal Justice Studies at Ferris State University, Shaw Rowley, Deputy Chief of Police, Southfield and Traci Ruiz, Sergeant, Lansing Police Department. The new board will be meeting April 18, 2009.

**MSP Headquarters**
Your board continues to push for a major move after 2010 into the present MSP complex on Harrison Road. There are many obstacles to overcome, that include, convincing the University powers-to-be that the Nation's Oldest Criminal Justice degree granting program is worthy of this facility, and the need to commence a dedicated fund raising campaign to enable renovations. The University does not have a definitive dollar amount on what that figure will be so hang on and hold good thoughts that it is feasible to head in this direction or think about new construction.

**Diamond Anniversary**
2010 will mark the School's 75th Anniversary. The SCJAA board will be working with the School of Criminal Justice over the next year to help plan a celebration that will equal the phenomenal three-day event for the School's Fiftieth Anniversary, 85'. Your input and suggestions for this event are welcome so please reach back to me.

**MIA Alum**
We desperately need your help to locate our alum who have become invisible since graduation. Please, reach out to every alum you know and simply ask if they would update their Alumni Information or contact Candy Curtis.
"America's Most Wanted"
William Wilson, Ex-Officio Board member and former Director of the Cook County, Illinois Crime Laboratory is actively involved as a task force member of a cold case squad in Northbrook, Illinois on Chicago's north side. The task force hopes to bring closure to the brutal slaying of Marilyn Arnopol, 96'. Check the progress of the case. Moreover, Bill is a frequent guest instructor at Michigan State University assisting in multi-day crime scene processing exercises.

In closing, I reiterate our sincere interest in your feedback to further strengthen the SCJAA. Please do not hesitate to contact us!

Coach Sok
Bruce A. Sokolove
Board President

Homecoming Tailgate

College of Social Science tailgate tent was brimming with alum that stopped by to visit and enjoy the homecoming activities. Dean Baba, our Director, Ed McGarrell along with the nation's #1 mascot "Sparty" were all on hand to welcome Ralph Hobrat, Paul Sparks, Mike Morrissey, Mike Oltersdorf and Ron Page back to campus. It was also a great day for football with the Spartans beating the Iowa Hawkeyes 16 to 13.

If you missed the tailgate tent this year be sure to stop by next year for a whole lot of fun, food and friends. We will look forward to seeing you.
SPARTY ON!

Photo 1: Left to Right, Jeff Page, Ron Page and Ed McGarrell
Photo 2: Left to Right, Mike Morrissey and Ed McGarrell
Photo 3: Left to Right, Ralph Hobrai, First Lieutenant, MSP Emergency Management/Homeland Security and Paul Sparks, Retired Navy NCIS Sepcial Agent, affiliated with ODNI
Photo 4: Left to Right, CJ faculty and family, Erin Melde, Chris Melde, Christina DeJong Schwitzer, Stephen Schwitzer, Chris Maxwell and Ed McGarrell

Wall of Fame

The School of Criminal Justice inducted six outstanding alumni into the Wall of Fame during homecoming weekend. These exceptional alum are Thomas Hendrickson, 80’, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Glenford Leonard, 48’, former Director of Public Safety in Oak Park, Michigan, Doreen Olko, 74’, Chief of Police, Auburn Hills, Michigan, Michael Oltersdorff, 73’, Sheriff, Leelanau County, Michigan, Michael Thompson, 78’, President and CEO of Joseph A. Young and Associates and Clifford Van Meter, 59’, past Professor at Grand Valley State University and Director of the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois.

Photo: Left to Right, Director Ed McGarrell, Dr. Vince Hoffman and Mary Hoffman
Nominations for the 2009 Wall of Fame Award are now being accepted for alumni who have distinguished themselves by attaining the highest level of professional accomplishment while demonstrating strong personal integrity and character. The Wall of Fame has honored forty-seven alums since its inception in 2000 representing the "best of the best" in multiple disciplines in the field of Criminal Justice.

Nominate Today!

Photo: Left to Right, Mike and Sharon Thompson

Class Notes

James Botting, MS, 66' is a Wall of Fame inductee and past member of the criminal justice alumni board. He has recently published Bullets, Bombs, and Fast Talk, Twenty-Five Years of FBI War Stories. Jim was one of the first members of the FBI's international Critical Incident Negotiation Team and a longtime member of the Crisis Negotiation Team in Los Angeles. His career saw him take part in almost every major hostage/barricade incident over the course of his twenty-five years as a hostage negotiator and SWAT agent. Wounded Knee, Patty Hearst, TWA 847, Cuban Prison Riots, Rodney King, Ruby Ridge and Waco, Jim recounts a number of times when death seemed inevitable, only to come through unscathed. He pulls no punches with this gritty, detailed, and often humorous insider's account of life at the end of a gun as an FBI hostage negotiator.

Learn more >>

Tim Crabtree, BS, 93' was a Michigan State University baseball pitcher as well as a major league pitcher for the Texas Rangers and other professional clubs. Tim suffered a shoulder injury, while pitching for the Texas Rangers in 2001. After his injury he tried to make a comeback with the Dodgers, Rangers and Tigers but was unsuccessful due to arm injuries. Since his retirement from major league baseball, he is working as a police officer at Dallas/Forth Worth International Airport and enjoys spending time with his family and coaching his sons Tee Ball team in Colleyville, Texas.
Rich Robell, BS, 80’ recently experienced a walk down memory lane when his son Mike, a Freshman at Michigan State University was assigned the same dorm room in Emmons Hall that he lived in with his roommate Bill Repovz, 81’, 30 years ago. He said that the experience brought back memories of "big hair and goofy pranks" and "made him feel more comfortable with his son, Mike, making the choice to come to Michigan State University". This story appeared in the Detroit News by Marisa Schultz.

Left to Right, Rich Robell and son Mike Robell - Detroit News

Yoon-Ho Lee, MS, 85’, Ph.D 87’ is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Police Administration at Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea, and a Wall of Fame inductee. Yoon-Ho Lee has been recently appointed by the President to serve as a member of the Korean National Police Commission for a three year term.

Congratulations on this prestigious appointment!

Barri Flowers, BA 77’, MS 80’ a criminal justice Wall of Fame inductee has written another best selling criminology text on juvenile delinquency entitled The Adolescent Criminal that was released in September.

Learn more>>

Looking Back
Arnella Turner, wife of the late Dr. Ralph Turner passed away October 9, 2008 at the age of 91. Mrs. Turner retired from Michigan State University as an English professor. Arnella and Dr. Ralph Turner had three children, Richard, Georgia and John.

Arnella and Ralph started in Kansas City, Missouri, where Ralph established a forensic laboratory at the Kansas City Police Department. He served as the lab's supervisor from 1939 to 1947. They left Kansas City to come to Michigan State University, Ralph taught at the School of Criminal Justice and Arnella in the English Department. Ralph and Arnella retired in 1981 and established the Ralph F. and Arnella K. Turner Forensic Endowment. Our heartfelt condolences to the Turner family.

Reminder

If you have changed your contact information please let us know by Updating online. Send in your “Class Notes” for future publications to Candy Curtis.

We look forward to hearing from you!
The Holidays are coming! Shop Online for great gifts for the CJ alum on your list.

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