Dear Spartan,

Welcome to the School of Criminal Justice e-News, our online networking and informational newsletter for our faculty, alumni, students and friends. Beginning this fall we will begin celebrating our 75th Anniversary with many events and alumni get togethers, on campus and across the nation. We invite you to join us as we commemorate 75 years of teaching and research excellence.

While browsing our home page drop in and visit our online store to check out our new SCJ merchandise and sale items. Continue to stay connected with the School and fellow alum with Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and our new addition, Flickr.

Enjoy reading the spring edition of the e-News. Please send your class notes to Candy Curtis for future publications. If you have moved or changed your e-mail address, please update online or contact Candy Curtis to stay informed on all of our upcoming anniversary festivities.

Message from the Director

Planning has begun in earnest for the School of Criminal Justice 75th Anniversary Celebration that will take place in 2010-11. We envision a series of events acknowledging and celebrating the School’s tradition of excellence beginning with football tailgates, homecoming, the Wall of Fame Celebration, and the Dae Chang Visiting International Scholar series that will occur in the fall and that will culminate with a spring Anniversary Symposium and Dinner on April 15, 2011. We hope that large numbers of alumni and friends will join the faculty, staff, and students in these celebrations and particularly in the April 15 event.

We are very saddened to report that alum Dr. Dae Chang passed away recently. Dae has been a tremendous supporter of the School through his efforts to bring the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice to the School and in his creation of the Dae H. Chang Visiting International Scholar Endowment Fund. Our sympathy to the Chang family.

Dr. Chang’s influence continues to be felt as two visiting scholars came to campus recently. Dr. Tony Smith from Rowan University presented cross-cultural research on the universality of self control theory among Caribbean, Mediterranean and North American populations. Dr. Gary Jensen from the Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University provided a colloquium on the firearms cultural landscape and the relationship between varied cultural attitudes toward firearms, ownership patterns, and homicide. Both scholars also took the time to meet with our graduate students and talk about their research and student opportunities to become involved in research.

The excellence of the faculty and our students was on display at the Annual
Faculty Happenings

David Carter was cited in an article in The Detroit News, February 25th, entitled "State Anti-Terrorism Agency Avoids Strict Oversight: Mich. center collects information to fight crime, but critics fear abuse". He was also cited on WILNS regarding the absence of racial profiling by Lansing Police Department.

Meredith Gore will be presenting the keynote lecture for the 2010 Suny-Syracuse "Standing on the Shoulder’s of Giants" colloquium. The lecture will be on conservation criminology.

Chris Melde has been selected to receive the William L. Simon Outstanding Paper Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences for his paper "I Got Your Back: An Examination of the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence", co-authored with Finn-Aage Esbensen and Terrance Taylor.

Jeremy Wilson was highlighted in the Lansing State Journal, February 18th for A-CAPPP in an article entitled "MSU Targets the Seamy World of Counterfeits" and in the MSU News, February 8th, "MSU Launches First Anti-counterfeiting Research Program". He has also been interviewed by the US Government Accountability Office as a subject matter expert for a report they are compiling for the US House Appropriations Committee, Homeland Security Subcommittee, to identify criteria or industry standards that law enforcement and physical security agencies use to determine the composition, size and allocation of their workforce.

Louie Rivers III has been selected to be a member of the inaugural group of Environmental Faculty Fellows.

John Spink was cited in The Los Angeles Times, February 19th in an article entitled "Ex-owner of SK Foods indicted in tomato scandal".

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The global and local scope of the School was also evident once again. The judicial administration was awarded a major contract with the Judicial Department of Abu Dhabi to develop and implement a research-based mentoring program for judicial officials. The long-standing and highly successful "People, Government, Justice System and Public Policy" Australia Study Abroad Program occurred during January and February. Nine criminal justice majors were among the 35 students who participated in this program run by criminal justice faculty John Hudzik and Carole Gibbs and political science faculty Regine Sheehan. Locally, two new projects were launched to assist Michigan communities address crime and justice issues and to facilitate faculty and student research. Merry Morash, Bill Terrill, and Audrey Martini are leading a team that is working with the City of Flint and Flint Police Department on its community policing efforts. Chris Melde, Louie Rivers, Jesy Pizzaro and Ed McGarrell are working with the Lansing Police Department and City of Lansing as it focuses on addressing the problem of illegal drug markets as part of its overall Police Enforcement and Community Engagement Initiative (PEACE).

Finally, Brit Weber and Rad Jones have worked with the Security Executive Council (SEC) to create a partnership between the School and SEC to address a variety of security issues with an initial focus on business continuity. The partnership builds on the highly successful Critical Incident Protocol program. We look forward to this collaboration with SEC and believe it will be an outstanding resource for connecting MSU research and outreach programs to the security sector and will create opportunities for the development of research and education programs that address critical emerging problems and challenges. More information is available on the SEC website.

Details on these developments and information on many other activities involving faculty, staff, students, and alumni are included in the following sections. Be sure to mark April 15, 2011 on your calendar!
celebrating the nation's oldest continuous degree-granting program in criminal justice. We will kick off our year-long celebration in the fall with the Dae Chang scholar lecture series followed by a Wisconsin vs MSU tailgate, homecoming tent, Wall of Fame ceremony, and spring symposium. In addition to our planned activities, there will be a series of alumni receptions throughout the year hosted by fellow alum.

To guide you through our 75th Anniversary festivities we invite you to bookmark our calendar of events to stay up to date on what's happening in your area or here at MSU. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Candy Curtis.

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Class Notes

**Eric Smith, BS'05,** has returned to Michigan State University as a student in our online Master's degree program. As an undergraduate at Michigan State University, Eric was a member of the Michigan State University football team where he posted triple-digit tackles in the last two seasons, with 115 stops in 2004 and a team high of 101 in 2005. As a four-year letterman he had 36 career starts and earned the Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2004.

Eric was drafted by the New York Jets in 2006 and in 2009 took his team all the way to the AFC Championship. When asked about this tremendous accomplishment he reflected back by saying that the “overall playoff experience was unforgettable. Going from a team that was supposedly out of the playoffs to making it to the AFC Championship was a tribute to the hard work of our team and the great coaches we have”. Additionally, "going into every game of the playoffs as an underdog makes everything more exciting because you know that nearly everyone is against you". In the cities of Cincinnati, San Diego, and Indianapolis the “atmospheres were tremendous and some of the loudest games I've played in during my football career” Eric said. He also looks forward to another great season and a chance at making it to Super Bowl XLV.

When asked about his experience as a student of criminal justice, he said that Dr. Christina DeJong was very helpful during and after enrollment and is always available to answer his questions and work with him on class scheduling while he is working on his Masters degree.

Eric, the School is proud of your many accomplishments and we will be looking for #33 in green and white at Super Bowl XLV.

**Datuk Abu Kassim Mohamed, MS '94** has been appointed as Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

Congratulations Datuk on this most prestigious appointment!

*Photo by Choo Choy May*
Rad Jones, BS '62, Brit Weber and Jerry Miller have been chosen by Security's Magazine as three of the "Most Influential People in Security". Rad Jones, an Academic Specialist, has served with the United States Secret Service and as Manager of Security and Fire Protection at Ford Motor Company, Brit Weber, Program Director, served 28 years with the Michigan State Police and as part of the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Kosovo, and Jerome Miller, Program Consultant, is the former executive in charge of International Security Operations for Daimler Chrysler Corp.

The School of Criminal Justice built on cutting edge security administration curriculum by researching the efficacy of partnering government and business for joint crisis management. These working relationships led to the Critical Incident Protocol Guide and later the Critical Incident Protocol (CIP) - Community Facilitation Program that has initiated public/private partnerships with 47 communities in 24 states and with more than 4,200 public and private sector leaders participating in CIP program workshops.

Congratulations, Rad, Brit and Jerry on this tremendous recognition!

Barri Flowers, BA '77, MS '80 is a 2006 Wall of Fame inductee, criminologist, and best selling mystery novelist. He has been named an editorial board member with ABC-CLIO, an award-winning publisher of academic, reference, and general interest books. Barri's latest criminology book, Street Kids: The Lives of Runaway and Throwaway Teens will be released by McFarland in the Spring of 2010. He has also signed with Praeger to write a sociology book entitled Prostitution in the Digital Age and Urban Books for mainstream mystery novels.

Barri, thanks for the update on your successful writing career!

Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D, '04, has been named "Teacher of the Year" at Florida Atlantic University.

Congratulations Sameer!

Memoriam

Dae H. Chang, BS '57, MS '58, Ph.D '62 recently passed away after a long illness.
Dr. Chang was one of the first criminal justice graduates from Michigan State University, graduating in 1957. Dr. Chang was a Professor Emeritus from Wichita State University, Kansas and founder of the *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, the most highly respected comparative journal in the field of criminal justice.

Dr. Chang's commitment to research and teaching will continue on through the Dae H. Chang International Scholar Endowment. This endowment provides support for international scholars to annually visit the School of Criminal Justice giving our students and faculty the privilege of learning from their criminology research.

Dr. Chang was a dear friend and devoted alum of the School of Criminal Justice. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Chang family.

In honor of Dr. Chang's family gifts can be made online to the Dae H. Chang International Scholar Endowment.

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Research

Michigan State University has launched the nation’s first comprehensive research and training program designed to address product counterfeiting – which the FBI has called "the crime of the 21st century."

The counterfeiting of products – from pharmaceuticals to food additives to auto parts – accounts for hundreds of billions of dollars in global trade and has a major impact on health and safety, jobs and the economy, the environment and national security. Terrorist and other organized crime groups use proceeds from counterfeit goods to support their actions.

But there remains a lack of independent research on counterfeiting activities around the world, as well as evidence-based strategies to combat the crime. That’s where MSU’s Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program, or A-CAPPP, will come in, said Jeremy Wilson, Program Director and Associate Professor of criminal justice.

Wilson said industry leaders turned to MSU for independent analysis, intellectual leadership and solutions to counterfeiting. MSU responded by creating the interdisciplinary A-CAPPP initiative that relies on researchers from a host of areas including criminal justice, food safety, international business, engineering, public health, and communications.

MSU already is conducting a wealth of activities that relate directly or indirectly to counterfeiting, including several with such federal agencies as the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and Customs and Border Protection.

"We’re blending the different sciences and bringing something unique to the table here," Wilson said. "The focus is to provide lessons to industry and government to help reduce counterfeiting and the negative impacts of counterfeiting. Our goal is to serve as an international hub for anti-counterfeiting".
One of the first major projects, he said, involves creating a database of product counterfeiting incidents in the United States dating back to 2000. The information could be used to help develop anti-counterfeiting strategies and train corporate and government officials to fight the crime.

A-CAPPP will target counterfeiting and product protection of all products in all regions around the globe, Wilson said, adding that currency counterfeiting is not a focus. Specifically, the research and technology focus includes:

- Counterfeit pharmaceuticals in Africa. According to estimates, nearly one-third of all medicines for sale in Africa are fake. Further, counterfeit drugs are attributed to nearly one-fifth of all childhood malaria-related deaths, according to a report [LINK] from Wilson and Roy Fenoff.
- Counterfeit food additives in China. This includes the inclusion of melamine in pet food and baby formula – a “systematic and accepted practice” in China before humans and animals started getting sick and dying, according to a report [LINK] by MSU researcher Robyn Mace.
- The protection of food, water, health and consumer goods through the use of biosensors. Evangelyn Alocilja, Associate Professor of biosystems engineering, is a world leader in the development of this technology through her Nano-Biosensors Lab at MSU. One example: a DNA marker embedded in textiles that could be used to determine the authenticity of purses and apparel.

John Spink, Associate Director of A-CAPPP and Assistant Professor of criminal justice, said the global market for counterfeiting is surprisingly large – at an estimated $600 billion, it’s equivalent to the market for illegal drugs.

Spink also refuted the perception that counterfeiting “is all luxury goods, high-end watches and software” and that only corporations’ bottom lines are damaged by the crime. He said just about any product can be counterfeited – including dollar-store toothpaste – and that the bogus products often are made in sweatshops with “deplorable conditions”.

“Product counterfeiting is a risk to these exploited workers and it’s a risk to the consumer," Spink said. "The Western view is that our products are safe in general, but all of a sudden you’ve got melamine in pet food, Christmas tree lights that catch fire, lead paint on toys. This is clearly not a victimless crime."
The American Academy of Forensic Science held its annual meeting in Seattle. During the meeting presentations were given by faculty, students and several of our collaborators in Michigan Medical Examiners Offices across the state. The annual meeting was capped off by a reception where alumni, scientists from the MSP Crime Labs and retired SCJ professor Frank Horvath had a chance to get together to exchange ideas.

Learn more about our presentations given at the AAFS.

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Photo Left to Right Tiffany Van De Mark, Emily Riddell, Katlin Prather, and Ruth Udey

Dae Chang Scholar Lecture Series

The School had the pleasure of having Dr. Tony Smith visit our campus to lecture on Testing the universality of self-control theory among Caribbean, Mediterranean, and North American populations. This article is also co-authored with Vaughn Crichlow who has just been accepted into our Ph.D. program at MSU. Vaughn will begin his doctoral studies this fall.

Tony holds a Ph.D. in criminal justice from SUNY-Albany and is a faculty member in the Law & Justice Studies department at Rowan University, New Jersey. As a side note, Joe Johnson who is finishing his Ph.D. from MSU has accepted a position beginning fall semester and will soon join Dr. Smith at Rowan University.

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Judicial Administration
The Judicial Administration Program recognized several graduates from the noncredit and graduate certificate programs as well as the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Judicial Administration Specialization.

Thirty-seven noncredit certificate program graduates were honored at recent meetings and two students completed graduate-level coursework. Ms. Emily M. Dawson, a probation compliance officer with the 54-B District Court in East Lansing earned a MS and Mr. John R. Gaona, a probation officer with the 7th Judicial Circuit–Family Division in Genesee County received a graduate certificate.

Best wishes are extended to all program graduates as they return to or embark upon new professional endeavors eager to share their enhanced knowledge, skills, and abilities.

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President Update

I write this with mixed emotions after the heartbreaking Men’s Basketball Final Four loss to Butler on April 3rd in Indianapolis. What an incredible season from a bunch of banged up, walking wounded Spartans! The School of Criminal Justice is well represented in the line-up with Delvon Roe, our 6’8” Sophomore Forward from Euclid, Ohio as the only Criminal Justice major on the team! Delvon is heading to post-season surgery after toughing it out throughout the entire NCAA Tournament – a true Spartan in every respect. But here’s part of the Spartan Criminal Justice family with Men’s Basketball team affiliation that you probably do not know about – Assistant Student Manager Jamie Curtis, son of Candy Curtis, the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Relations Coordinator. Jamie’s picture appeared in an April 1st New York Times sports story about Coach Tom Izzo’s phenomenal video support team. Jamie, a Media Arts major in the College of Communications earned one of the coveted spots last year as a sophomore on the Spartan Basketball Team and has crafted his skills as a video specialist under Jordan Ott, the team’s video coordinator. Jamie’s been a fixture at our Wall of Fame ceremonies usually taking photos and capturing video in the background. Way to go, Jamie!

Speaking of Wall of Fame, please mark your calendar and save the date – November 5, 2010 for this year’s very special celebration as we help celebrate the
School of Criminal Justice Diamond Jubilee. The festivities will commence with the Social Hour at 5 PM in the Red Cedar Room, a great chance to mingle before the dinner and Induction Ceremony. Please contact Candy Curtis for a reservation or more information.

Most of the Board's focus is upon two major issues, the upcoming Diamond Jubilee - 75th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice and security University approval and construction of the Public Safety Officer's Memorial on the grounds of the MSU Alumni Chapel.

Diamond Jubilee

The Alumni Advisory Board discussed a variety of possible activities at the October 23, 2009 meeting and this has continued across two follow-up meetings at Baker Hall with the SCJ faculty and staff.

Undeniably, we need to seriously augment our SCJ Alumni Membership and this must be a primary effort over the year-long celebration. Please help out to reach out to at least three of your fellow classmates and point them to the MSU Alumni Association’s Membership link on their web page at MSUAA and use the secure on-line registration process. When they register be sure they designate the School of Criminal Justice to insure that a portion of their dues support our alumni-relations activities. You can make a difference!

Stay tuned to the 75th Anniversary calendar of events for updated information for Diamond Jubilee events that will commence in October 2010 and continue for the next year.

Public Safety Officer's Memorial

The Alumni Advisory Board’s Task Force has been working diligently with the University on moving this project forward. The Board approved the fourth draft of the Public Safety Memorial resolution that would honor Michigan State University students, alumni, faculty or staff members who die as a direct result of injuries sustained from the performance of public safety duties. This includes paid or volunteer Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Service and/or Hazardous Materials personnel, Emergency Medical Service personnel, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers Emergency Management personnel, Security Officers and others as may be deemed appropriate by the Michigan State University Public Safety Memorial Committee.

There’s a great deal of work to be done, including the solicitation of funds during the Diamond Jubilee year to bring this long overdue project to reality status on our campus.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide any update on the Board’s efforts to hopefully move the University toward utilization of the soon-to-be closed Michigan State Police Headquarters’ on Harrison Road as a dedicated facility for the School of Criminal Justice. I guess simply holding on to the status quo in the face of the State of Michigan’s 20% funding cuts to the University is the major consideration.

I can report that members of the Law Enforcement Training Task Force met with Dr. Ed McGarrell’s Faculty/Staff Committee on March 18th to further discuss and explore this curriculum option. MSU Police Chief Jim Dunlap also attended and pledged full support of his organization in moving this issue forward. Stay tuned!

The School of Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board actively solicits your input, views, suggestions so please do not hesitate to reach back to me.
And always, Sparty On!

Coach Sok
Bruce A. Sokolove

Reminder

Send in your “Class Notes” for future publications to Candy Curtis and Nominate for the 2010 Wall of Fame.

If you have changed your e-mail address, please update online or contact Candy Curtis to keep up on all the School's activities.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Faculty

Announcement

Dr. Christina DeJong has been named the Director of the Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science at MSU. She will maintain a 50% appointment as an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice, and her remaining time will be spent coordinating ISS instruction and overseeing the major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science.

Publications
While you are browsing our faculty's 2010 publication list, please feel free to also visit our "new" Faculty Publication web page where you can browse all of our faculty's most recent publications.

Steven Chermak


Jennifer Cobbina


Christina DeJong


Edmund McGarrell


Christopher Maxwell

Merry Morash


Jesenia Pizarro


Louie Rivers III


Ruth Waddell Smith


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