Message from the Director

Dear Spartan,

The arrival of September witnesses the annual return to campus life as 46,000 students return to East Lansing for another academic year. Faculty scramble to wrap up summer research projects and finalize syllabi for fall courses. Students trek to the bookstore, traffic increases, and locating a campus parking spot involves a hunting expedition. All these activities and more are “normal” for September at Michigan State University. What is not so common, in 2010-11, is the year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice.

Founded in 1935, the School of Criminal Justice has been a pioneer in criminal justice education and research. From the early days of police administration, to the emergence of forensic science and corporate security, to today’s cutting-edge research in violence, cyber-crime, cross-cultural justice, policing, environmental crime, counterfeiting, and many other areas, the School has provided leadership that has shaped the study of crime and justice.

We look forward to celebrating the School’s history, its excellence, and its future. We invite our alumni and our friends to return to campus throughout the year to say hello and to join in this celebration.

Banner Photo: Campus of MSU

Spotlight

75th Celebration

On your way to the stadium this season bring your “Spartan Spirit” to the SCJ “Tailgates” hosted by our graduate students in the grassy U in front of Baker Hall. We look forward to seeing you there to usher in our 75th Anniversary!

Need to mark your calendar to visit the College of Social Science Homecoming Tent and to attend the "Spring Symposium" April 15, 2011 at the James B. Henry Center for Executive Development just minutes from the MSU campus.

For more information about these and future events check out our 75th
If you have a Class Note to share, please send them to Candy Curtis.

Moved or changed your e-mail address? Let us know by updating online.

Join MSUAA today online and be sure to check the School of Criminal Justice so we can continue to provide services to our many alumni!

Class Notes

Margaret 'Penny' Fischer, MS '92 has been awarded the Ruth Jameyson "Above and Beyond Award". She was recognized for her collaborative work with communities and as a resource to other law enforcement agencies to improve public safety. Penny is currently working on her Doctorate while serving as a Lieutenant with the Michigan State University Police department.

Bill Livingood, BS '61, has been selected to receive the MSU Distinguished Alumni Award at the Grand Awards Ceremony on October 14, 2010. Bill is a graduate from the School's Police Administration program where he has spent a lifetime in law enforcement. He currently serves as the Sergeant at Arms for the U. S. House of Representatives and was a 2000 Wall of Fame inductee.

Mark Lanier, Ph.D '93 has accepted a Professor/Chair position with the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Pearl Guterman, Homeland Security Studies Certification, '06, is a graduate student of psychology at York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She has sent us a note that her manuscript "Psychological Preparedness for Disaster" has been published by The Centre for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness, (CEEP) and is available online to all emergency planners and professionals.
Ashley Towner, BA '10 graduated in May with degrees in both criminal justice and political justice. While at MSU she was able to intern at both the Oakland County Sheriff's department and the East Lansing Probation office. Ashley was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and graduated with the distinction of High Honor. She has accepted an internship at the Federal Probation Office in Washington, DC and will begin working this fall on her Master's degree through our online program.

Chrissy Cameron Shoemaker, BA '06 is working as a recruiter for the Mingus Mountain Academy in Prescott Valley, Arizona. Chrissy is pleased to be working with several of our recent graduates at the academy.

Joe Jaksa, BA '87 has just completed his Ph.D at Oakland University in Educational Leadership. He holds a Certified Protection Professional designation from ASIS International and served on the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association board as a past President and member.

Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D, '04, is pleased to announce that his book "Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying" was chosen by the National Crime Prevention Council as its June 2010 Book Club selection and as the best education book of 2009 by ForeWord Reviews. Additionally, as a part of the National Crime Prevention Council selection, he discusses how each and every person can take an active role in the prevention of cyberbullying and online victimization. To hear his discussion download his podcast.

Our Students

Jeremy Carter, a Criminal Justice doctoral student, has been named Editor of the "Journal of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analyst” (IALEIA). The IALEIA Journal is a peer-reviewed Journal published twice a year with a true international distribution to all IALEIA members and Journal subscribers. In addition to being named an editor, Jeremy was appointed to the IALWIA Board, based on his research, teaching, publication and experience in law enforcement intelligence.

IALEIA is a high-profile organization in the field, with representation on all major intelligence initiatives not only for the U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security, but also for intelligence initiatives throughout Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe.
Many of our criminal justice students participate in the American Criminal Justice Association (Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Mu Sigma Upsilon chapter). This student organization is devoted to the advancement of professionalism in all areas of criminal justice. Its objectives are to supplement a student’s criminal justice major with social and educational activities outside of the classroom, develop professionalism in the field of criminal justice among its members, promote awareness of criminal justice issues, provide a unified voice for students and promote high standards of ethical conduct within the field.

Netkeitha Heath and Megan Almendinger, both 2010 graduates, and Shera Novak, a junior, presented research posters at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts forum.

Netkeitha was awarded a competitive Dean's Assistantship for her 2009-2010 senior year to work with Dr. Chris Smith on his research concerning the career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Her research presentation focused on Stevens' decisions concerning capital punishment and the extent to which his viewpoint on the issue changed over the course of his career. Netkeitha hopes to spend the next two years teaching in an urban school with the Teach for America program and subsequently apply to law school.

Megan's poster presentation focused on statutory security licensing regulations in the United States. Her research found that there is a wide variation among the states regulating the security industry and while some states, such as Illinois, have specific statutory requirements, other states, such as Mississippi, have no requirements.

Shera presented with Hoira Dijmarescu, a James Madison Economics GLAS senior. Their research focused on "Responsibility and Reaction: Genocide, Humanitarian Aid, and Military Intervention". Both students are also completing a specialization in Peace & Justice studies in the College of Social Science.
Mustafa Halicioglu, Suyeon Park, and Seok-Jin Cheong received their Ph.Ds at the May 2010 graduate commencement. "I was fortunate to work as chair with Mustafa and Seok-Jin" said Dr. Ed McGarrell. Mustafa is returning to Turkey where, among other duties, he will direct training within the anti-terrorism division of the Turkish National Police. Seok-Jin has accepted an appointment as assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Texas at Arlington. Suyeon was a student of Dr. Merry Morash. Additional 2010 Ph.D. recipients include Nebi Cetinkaya, Eric Grommon, and Jason Ingram.

Spartan Sagas

Michigan State University has launched a new website, SPARTAN SAGAS, to spotlight the impact Spartans are making all over the world. On the site readers can find the stories of Spartans – alumni, students, faculty and staff. Whether far or near, famous or known only to family and friends, one thing is clear: Every day Spartans contribute to the common good in ways both big and small, proving again and again that Spartans Will.

Memoriam

Ronald A. Pincomb BS, '52 has recently passed away. Ronald was a graduate from the School of Police Administration at MSU and served a long and
distinguished career in law enforcement. He was inducted into the School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame in 2001 and was a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Region II Vice-President, New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, and the New Mexico Governor's Council on Criminal Justice Planning. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Pincomb family.

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Alumni Board

Letter from the President

Greeting Fellow Spartans,

It’s hard to imagine that we’re rapidly closing in on the onset of the 2010 MSU Football season and optimism for an outstanding year. Here’s hoping that everyone’s Summer was restful and productive, all of the books on the to-read list were tackled and you’re looking forward to the onset of our great School’s 75th Anniversary.

Please mark your calendar and save the date for the Wall of Fame Ceremony and dinner on 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, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, a great chance to mingle before the dinner and Induction Ceremony. Please contact Candy Curtis to purchase tickets.

We are very blessed this year to have Scott Westerman, MSU Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Alumni Association, serving as the evening’s Master of Ceremonies for the Wall of Fame. We can thank Candy Curtis for being very persuasive with Scott, a fellow College of Communications alum (MSU ’78) to assist with this auspicious occasion! We softened Scott up with my from-scratch gourmet pizzas and dinner on our Washtenaw County deck in mid-June to create a very relaxing opportunity to get to know this Ann Arbor native and his wife, Colleen. It was a fun evening reminiscing about Scott’s experiences growing up in Ann Arbor (Scott’s Dad served as Superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public Schools during my tenure at Ann Arbor Police Department). We left the table thoroughly convinced that Scott brings a dynamic sense of renewal and high tech enthusiasm as the head of our Alumni Association. Welcome aboard, Scott! It’s going to be an exciting cruise.

Photo Left to Right: Bill Nash, Scott Westerman, Candy Curtis and Bruce "Coach" Sokolove

And here’s a tip for all thinking humans: do yourself a favor and sign-up for Scott’s weekly free newsletter, "Motivator - Inspiration for an Exceptional Self".

Speaking of the Wall of Fame, I received an email from Rick Myers, Chief of Police in Colorado Springs and a 2009 inductee. Rick’s jurisdiction encompasses a myriad of military installations including Peterson Air
Force Base, home for the 21st Space Wing of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. A recent meeting reconnected Rick with Lt. Colonel Chuck Rinkevich, 8th Field Instigations Squadron commander. Rick met Chuck at last year’s Wall of Fame when Chuck’s Dad, Charles F. Rinkevich (MSU ’62) was also inducted. Great Spartans are everywhere protecting all of us.

The Board’s primary focus is still upon two major issues, the upcoming Diamond Jubilee – 75th Anniversary of the School of Criminal Justice and securing University approval and construction of the Public Safety Officer’s Memorial on the grounds of the MSU Student Chapel.

Diamond Jubilee

I must redundantly underscore the need to serious augment our SCJ Alumni Membership and this must be a primary effort over the yearlong celebration. Reach out to at least three of your fellow classmates and point them to the MSUAA membership link on their web page and use the secure on-line registration process. Please be sure to indicate "criminal justice" as your alumni constituent group. You can make a difference!

Public Safety Officer’s Memorial

As I’ve reported, the Alumni Advisory Board’s Task Force has been working diligently with the University on moving this project forward. We recently received some very favorable news in late May from the University’s Engineering and Architectural Services that the Wall of Remembrance is projected to cost $35,000. 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 still cannot provide any positive update on the Board’s efforts to 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. Nor can I offer any optimism in this Board’s efforts to make a uniquely MSU created law enforcement training option for Criminal Justice majors, or for that matter, any MSU student who meets the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards requirements. These are tough times but the Board has taken the position that our graduates could be readily employed across the United States and Canada (with MCOLES reciprocity with other states) as well as provide some creative and unique pre-requisites such as a mandatory second-language proficiency. We’ve discussed and shared our views that such a package could be wrapped up in a competency-based, problem-solving curriculum that meets and exceeds current State of Michigan requirements and makes the School of Criminal Justice a truly one-stop experience for students heading to law enforcement.

In closing, I’ve said it before and I’ll repeat it again - the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board actively solicits your input, views, and suggestions so please do not hesitate to reach back to me. And, don’t be shy — punch a hole in your schedule and join us at the next Board Meeting on November 5th at 1 PM at the Kellogg Center. We’ll adjourn and head down the hallway for the 5 PM Wall of Fame ceremony social hour. What a great opportunity to reconnect with the School of Criminal Justice and your alma mater.

This is my final President’s Message since my term of office on your Alumni Advisory Board comes to an end on November 5th. It’s been quite a journey
and above all, an opportunity to work with a tremendous group of Spartans who want to make a difference. I thank you! Sparty on!

With very best wishes,

Coach Sok
Bruce A. Sokolove
Board President

Outreach

Staff and Command

Graduation

The MSU School of Staff and Command recently celebrated the graduation of its fourth class on Friday, June 18, 2010 at the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

The fourth class had 20 police executives representing 14 different police agencies from around the State of Michigan. Colonel Eddie Washington of the Michigan State Police provided opening remarks prior to the keynote address by Dr. Ed McGarrell, Director of the School of Criminal Justice at MSU. Many family, friends and co-workers of the graduates attended the graduation ceremony.

Michigan State University School of Staff and Command is a 400-hour problem-based course that utilizes a blend of classroom facilitated learning and cutting edge distance learning technologies. Problem-based learning represents the next generation in law enforcement training by fostering critical thinking and employing learning philosophies appropriate for today’s law enforcement leaders. The fourth class received training in several areas including budgeting, grant writing, resource allocation and leadership. The fifth class of Staff and Command began August 2, 2010 with 12 police leaders in attendance.

Faculty & Staff

Announcements
Shannon Burton, Academic Advisor has been selected as an Outstanding Advising Award Winner in the Academic Advising-Primary Role category from the National Academic Advising Association as part of the 2010 Annual Awards Program. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students or outstanding academic advising administration.

Robyn Nielsen, Outreach Specialist, has earned the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) Certification. She has also earned the Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) Certification from the Society of Government Meeting Planners.

Recent Publications

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

**Tim Bynum**


**Steven Chermak**


**Thomas Holt**


Thomas J. Holt, “Examining the Role of Technology in the Formation of Deviant Subcultures”, *Social Science Computer Review Online First*, Nov. 2009, pp 1-16.


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