Message from the Interim Director

Dear Spartan,

After playing a leadership role for ten long years, Director Ed McGarrell has taken a research leave for the 2011-12 academic year. He will return Fall 2012 to resume his Directorship. We wish him a productive and successful sabbatical year! As Interim Director for the 2011-12 academic year, I am pleased to share some exciting events highlighting the excellence of the School of Criminal Justice. This fall 158 master (8 on campus and 150 online) and 8 doctoral students joined the school which has about 800 undergraduates in various stages of their programs. Our faculty and students are addressing critical issues on various subjects in policing, inmate re-entry, juvenile justice, violent crime, and many other areas both locally and globally resulting in national and international conference presentations and publications.

The School's Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program (A-CAPPP) has launched some exciting new initiatives including an Industry Advisory Board; an e-newsletter; a graduate certificate in Anti-Counterfeiting Criminology; and an Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Training Program for Michigan law enforcement. Information on all of these initiatives and more can be found at A-CAPPP.

As part of school's educational and global outreach efforts, the School signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department for the implementation and delivery of the Judicial Administration Program November 2011 to June 2012. This past September the School Outreach unit, through a contract with the U.S. Air Force, successfully delivered two Life Long Learning sections of CJ 485, Critical Issues in Private Security. Fifty Air Force Security Forces crime prevention managers, members of various National Guard units and Department of Defense consultants travelled to East Lansing from around the world for two weeks of intense studying.

Once again we had an outstanding group of alum recognized and honored at our Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony. They include Eve Buzawa, James Frank, William Horrell, Karen Morris, Michael Pearson, Richard Post, and Bruce Sokolove. And, finally, our doctoral students help remind us how good it is to be a Spartan by organizing and hosting a tailgate outside Baker Hall, before each home football game.

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Dr. Mahesh Nalla

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Class Notes

Michael Oltersdorf, BS ’73, has been elected to serve as President of the Michigan Sheriff’s Association Board of Directors for the 2012 term. Sheriff Oltersdorf was sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. at the Michigan Sheriff’s Association 2011 Fall Training Conference. Mike is also a member of the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Board and a 2008 Wall of Fame Inductee.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in conjunction with the FBI, InfraGard (the FBI’s private sector outreach initiative), and the Texas Department of Public Safety held a Joint Critical Infrastructure Protection (JCIP) symposium in Houston. MSU was well represented as two of our alum were presenters, Hanh Truong, BA ’08 an Infrastructure Protection Planner with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security Policy and Plans Unit and Kerry Spaulding, MS ’09 a Protective Security Advisor with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection and DHS liaison officer to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The symposium featured panel discussions and presentations from a variety of federal, state, and private sector experts and discussed cyber security, critical infrastructure protection, and issues involving organized crime, criminal gang and human trafficking activities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Both Hanh Truong and Kerry Spaulding collaborated on providing presentations describing the many challenges associated with organized criminal enterprises operating along the southern border of the United States with Mexico and the many challenges to protect the nation’s 18 sectors of critical infrastructures.

Harold Fabriz, BS ’58, sent us a class note after reading the Spring edition of the e-News.

“The comments of Paul Sparks and the photo of JFK and Jackie, reminded me of my June 1958 graduation from the School of Police Administration, followed by graduate studies until December 1959 when I left for duty as an Agent, Office of Naval Intelligence, DIO-9ND, Chicago, on about January 1, 1960. A year later I was finally sent to the ONI agents basic training course in Washington D.C. and was there for the JFK inauguration where most of the members of the class stood in snow from a big storm the night before to see the passing parade. In those days you were hired as an Agent (GS-7) and after six months you were promoted to Special Agent (GS-9) then issued new credentials identifying you as such”.

Thank you for sharing these wonderful memories.

R. Barri Flowers, BA ’77, MS ’80, recently authored GHOST GIRL IN SHADOW BAY that is now in audio with Amazon, Audible.com and iTunes. His highly acclaimed medical mystery eBook, MURDER IN MAUI: A Leila Kahana Mystery, is a bestseller in Kindle, Nook, iTunes, and Google. On the nonfiction side, Barri’s true crime book, THE SEX SLAVE MURDERS, has reached #1 as an eBook in Amazon’s Bestsellers on Offenders. Barri is a proud 2006 School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame Inductee.
Four Forensic Science graduate students, Amanda Buszek (forensic biology), and Emily Riddell, Suzanne Towner, and Karlie McManaman (forensic chemistry) have received prestigious Forensic Science Foundation/National Institute of Justice Student Research Scholarships. Funds will aid in the undertaking of their research agendas. Congratulations to each.

Miriam Northcutt Bohmert has been awarded the UAW Cal Rapson Endowed Scholarship for 2011-2012.

Congratulations Miriam!

The Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program (A-CAPPP) has established an industry advisory board to provide external advice and support to A-CAPPP in the development and application of strategic goals and specific objectives. In addition to an industry advisory board, A-CAPPP is now offering the nation's first graduate certificate in anti-counterfeiting and product protection criminology. The new certificate is the first and only of its kind helping to facilitate their mission to be the preeminent evidence-based hub for anti-counterfeiting resources.

Through a grant from the Department of Justice, A-CAPPP is also partnering with the Michigan State Police. This project will assist law enforcement agencies in educating the public, ensure deconfliction, and provide training and technical assistance in the arena of intellectual property (IP) rights. It will also encompass developing and disseminating a set of IP crime and enforcement videos to be used for training and awareness for law enforcement officials nationwide and the general public. Secondly, it will create and deliver IP training curriculum for Michigan law enforcement officials including police, prosecutorial, and justice officials.
Project Safe Neighborhoods

The School hosted a group of academics and police practitioners as part of the national Project Safe Neighborhoods research program led by Dr. Ed McGarrell. Our guests included Scott Decker, Arizona State University, John Kiolas, Rochester Institute of Technology, Jack McDevitt, Northeastern University and police leaders from High Point, North Carolina, Omaha, Nebraska, Rochester New York, and St. Louis, Missouri.

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Police Executive Development

The Center for Police Executive Development held its annual fall PEDS conference at the James B. Henry Center. The conference topic for this year was consolidation, regionalization, and shared service models for public safety. Over 70 police executives from across the State of Michigan were in attendance. The keynote speaker was Colonel Kristie Etue of the Michigan State Police. Colonel Etue discussed the reorganization of her department along with challenges met and those facing the agency in implementing an innovative organizational model. Additionally, research perspectives on the consolidation and public safety models of police organizations were addressed by Dr. Alexander Weiss and Dr. Jeremy Wilson. Chief Steven Conrad of the Glendale, Arizona Police Department and former Assistant Chief of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department discussed practitioners experience of consolidation followed by a presentation of the CLEAR committee (Council on Law Enforcement and Reinvention) that has been established by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. Sheriff Susan Rath, King County Sheriff's Office, Washington, shared their model of contracting police services. The conference concluded with information from Dr. Mike Polzin and Dr. Julie Brockman from the MSU School of Labor and Industrial relations on utilization of an interest based bargaining approach to consolidation and regionalization.

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Memoriam


Roberta M. "Bobbie" Thomas passed away October 22, 2011. Bobbie graduated from Police Administration with a Bachelors in 1957 and was the third female police officer hired by the city of Lansing, Michigan.

Alumni Board

Letter from the President

Fellow Alumni,

Your Board of Directors met on Friday, September 30, 2011. The focus of the meeting was on fundraising for the Public Safety Memorial and the introduction of a police academy option to the current undergraduate curriculum. All present were in agreement that the School should explore the possibilities of "partnering" with an organization that already has an established academy. Our main concern is that the student does not pay tuition twice, once to the academy and again to MSU for the same credits if they elect to transfer them back as part of their degree. A select committee consisting of Bob Parsons, Bill Nash, and Traci Ruiz was appointed to advise the Director as needed. It is the expressed intent of the President of the University, Provost, and the Dean that undergraduate education be relevant to the work place and the careers that our future graduates are seeking.

We have made great strides with the Memorial project. Almost 100% of the Board has pledged or donated to this project. We are now ready to brief the Dean and start the University approval process. In the coming weeks Bill Nash and I will be visiting with the Dean to move the project forward and now more than ever, your help is needed to fund this project. We are looking for corporate donations as well as individual. We are also seeking people that qualify for placement on the memorial. These include any major, not just criminal justice, who died in the line of duty while serving in any "public safety" capacity. This does not include the military as they can be memorialized on the walls of the Alumni Chapel.
If you have questions or information to share please contact myself or Candy Curtis.

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Mike Thompson
President, SCJAA

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**Faculty & Staff**

**News**

**Dr. Ed McGarrell**, professor and Director was named one of the most influential people in security by Security Magazine. Following the events of 9/11, Dr. Ed McGarrell was one of the first criminologists to recognize the need to enhance security by linking crime, terror, security and risk. He helped develop the nation's first master's degree in law enforcement intelligence and analysis. The online degree is educating intelligence professionals in the security sector, law enforcement and the military. Dr. McGarrell has provided leadership for the nation's first Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program (A-CAPPP). Dr. McGarrell has also worked to promote several public-private partnership programs. He has supported MSU's Critical Incident Protocol (CIP) program – now the Michigan State University – Security Executive Council Business Continuity Alliance – that has collaborated with U.S. communities to establish effective public-private partnerships to enhance community and campus emergency preparedness. Since 2001, he has led a team of scholars that have served as the national research partner for the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). The team supports PSN task forces in all U.S. Attorney's Offices in the development of data-driven programs to reduce the level of violent gun and gang crime, and it conducts research on the impact of this national program on violent crime. (Most Influential People in Security, Security Magazine, 2011, August).

**Dr. Jeremy Wilson** has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Office to study the benefits and drawbacks of police-fire mergers across the nation. Issues they will look at are: law enforcement activities during a large fire, providing training and service during a consolidation process, does consolidation help or impede community policing, and the impact on employee response when there is a radical change in the nature of their job. Pilot research has already cited the existence of at least 125 consolidated police-fire departments in about 25 states with many more considering the move.

**Awards**

**Christina DeJong** received the Michigan State University Honorable Mention AT&T Award for her work in Instructional Technology. Her class ISS325: War and Revolution uses ANGEL discussion boards and a Facebook page to enhance student participation and learning.

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**Carole Gibbs** has been recognized as the Young Career Award Winner by the White-Collar Crime Research Consortium.
Publications

Our faculty remains thoroughly engaged in the crucial issues facing state and local communities through community policing, strategic problem solving, crime analysis, evaluation research and basic research on a variety of criminal justice issues. Please feel free to browse our recent faculty publications.

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