Message from the Director

Dear Spartan,

The School of Criminal Justice’s year-long celebration of its 75th Anniversary culminated with a full day celebration on Tax Day, April 15. Nearly 150 faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gathered for a Symposium as well as celebratory dinner. The theme of the celebration was “holding true to our foundation and forging a new future” and this carried through the remarks offered at the outset, the keynotes, panel discussions, and Dean Baba’s dinner comments.

I had the privilege of opening the Symposium. It was an honor to walk through the history of the School and to note the foundation laid by founding chair, Donald Bremer, and a member of the first graduating class, Art Brandstatter. Of course, as readers of the E-newsletter know, Brandstatter would go on to serve as Director of the School for three decades. The School grew with the addition of giants with names like Turner, Ferency, Radelet and many more.

These leaders expanded the police administration program by building cutting-edge programs in the forensic sciences, industrial security, and juvenile delinquency. This group of scholars also launched the School’s international tradition through their work in assisting South Korea in the establishment of the Korean National Police Force that also led to a 60 year relationship with Korean police officials. The foundational work of Lou Radelet on improving police-citizen relations provided impetus for the next evolution of the School that saw Bob Trojanowicz, current faculty members Tim Bynum and John Hudzik, and alums such as John Angell, Gary Cordner, Jack Greene, and Knowlton Johnson (with apologies to the many I am omitting!) work with police and other criminal justice officials to build the community policing movement and to advance many aspects of the justice system in alignment with the goals of several Presidential Commissions and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration program. This was also the period that MSU again played a leadership role as one of three universities to establish doctoral programs in criminal justice and criminology and thereby firmly establish the study of crime and justice as a scholarly field of study.

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Spotlight

Arizona Reception

Longtime friends of the School of Criminal Justice, Rich and...
If you have a Class Note to share, please send them to Candice 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!

News Posts

Jennifer Cobbina was cited in a Metro Times Cover Story published on January 12th. The story is entitled "When innocence is pink – Wrongly convicted women fight for recognition, support, remedies."

Steve Dow was a featured speaker at the Michigan State Law Review Symposium presenting "Rethinking Legal Research: Preparing Law Students for Using Empirical Data."

David Foran was interviewed by Irish National Radio for a feature story on the Crippen Case. It was aired on January 27th.

Meredith Gore is participating in a study of the conservation consequences of shark diving trips. The study was the topic posted on the ESPP (Environmental Science and Policy Program) news blog on January 26th.

Jesenia Pizarro was quoted in the Flint Journal in an article "Flint police has 50 percent clearance rate on homicides since 2009; on lower end of national average."

Christopher Smith presented "Rights BehindBars: The Distinctive Viewpoint of Justice Clarence Thomas" at a symposium on Justice Thomas at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

John Spink John Spink was invited by the Dept. of Commerce/International Trade Admin. Office of Health and Consumer Goods to join the inter-agency Financial Fraud Task Force, as a subject matter expert in consumer product fraud and product counterfeiting.

Jeremy Wilson was interviewed on the current state and future of police staffing by Law Enforcement Technology Magazine.

Penelope Post hosted a very enjoyable MSU alumni reception at their home overlooking Phoenix. Rich earned his BS in '64 and his MS in '67. He served in the CIA and has since been an international leader in the field of security through a variety of roles. Over 20 alums attended the event and Director McGarrell provided an update on the School and a description of the 75th Anniversary events. Most enjoyable was hearing from all those in attendance about their varied professional careers and distinguished accomplishments. The range of careers included CIA, FBI, local law enforcement, corporate and private security, law, and industry. As happens every time there is a gathering of School of Criminal Justice alumni, the achievements and professionalism of our alumni was remarkable. Rich and Penny put on an unbelievable "spread" and likely were feeding large groups of friends and neighbors for the next week.

75th Anniversary

Left to Right, Steven Chester, Jack Greene, Ineke Marshall, and Ed McGarrell

Our 75th Anniversary celebration brought in alum and practitioners from around the country to celebrate the School's 75 years of academic excellence. Many alum and friends of the School gathered for a reception on Thursday evening at the Spartan Club as well as joining us for our Spring Symposium and dinner on Friday at the James Henry Center. We were also fortunate to have Jack Greene, Joanne Belknap and our own Christopher Smith keynoting the day long event. Check out our Flickr page to view our 75th Anniversary album.

Wall of Fame

The School of Criminal Justice is accepting nominations for the 2011 Wall of Fame for the Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Award, Distinguished Faculty Award, and the Alumni Service Award. Deadline for nominations is June 30th. Nominate Today! While you are visiting our Wall of Fame, take a moment to visit our past distinguished inductees.

Kennedy Detail
Wall of Fame Nominations 2011

Rad Jones, BS '62, Secret Service Agent under President Kennedy joined retired Agent Clint Hill and the authors of the "The Kennedy Detail", Agent Jerry Blaine and journalist Lisa McCubbin for a round table discussion on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The event sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy & Social Research.

Career Fair

Left to Right, Al Mendez and Todd Thom.

Our career fair was held on February 8, 2011 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.

Class Notes

Dan Heyns, MS '77, has been appointed Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections by Governor Rick Snyder and will begin his duties on June 1, 2011. He has served as the Jackson County Sheriff since 2003, Chairman of the Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council, and as Chairman of the Jackson Narcotics
Enforcement Team. Dan has also served on the board of the Rotary Club of Jackson, Jackson YMCA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Disability Connections, Inc., and the Jackson Affordable Housing Commission.

R. Barri Flowers, BA '77, MS '80, criminologist and best selling author has signed with Taylor and Francis to write a criminology text, *The Dynamics of Murder: Kill or Be Killed*. He has also signed with Prometheus Books to serve as editor of the true crime anthology, *Murder, Macabre, and Menace: True Stories From Masters of True Crime*. Barri is a 2006 Wall of Fame honoree.

Dae Chang Colloquium

Dr. Peter Grabowsky visited the MSU campus to participate in the Dae Chang International Scholar Colloquium. Peter's interests are in computer crime, policing, and regulatory failure. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology, and was the 2006 winner of the Sellin-Glueck Award of the American Society of Criminology for contributions to comparative and international criminology. The Australian National University and Griffith University were successful in winning an Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, where Dr. Grabowsky is the Centre's Deputy Director.

Our Students

Left to Right: Forensic Students, Karlie Mcmanaman, Emily Riddell, Sarah Thomasma,
Amanda Buszek, and Nicole Johnson (MSU pharmacology/toxicology). Background, Forensic Student, Keiauda Tennant.

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting was held February 21-26, 2011. Forensic Science graduate students Alicya Orlando, Shannon Peters, Julie Fleischman and Beth Shattuck received scholarships from the Academy to present their research at the national meeting.

**Tia Stevens**, has been awarded the Doctoral Student Research Award from the Canadian government for her dissertation research entitled *Effective Interventions for Girls in Trouble with the Law in the Toronto Metropolitan Area*.

**Raymund Narag**, is the recipient of the Criminal Justice Community Psychology Endowment award to assist him with his dissertation research in Manila. The endowment was established by alum **Dr. Knowlton Johnson**, MS ’69 and Ph.D., ’71, a 2009 Wall of Fame Honoree.

Judicial Administration

Sarah Blom, Director of Development for the College of Social Science recently visited Terry Nafisi, a Deputy Circuit Executive, Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and adjunct professor, for the Judicial Administration program. Terry’s staff is currently enrolled in the **JA program** where they offer three educational opportunities for individuals currently working in the courts or those preparing for a career in court administration. Terry is also the recipient of the College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Alumni Award.

Staff and Command
The MSU School of Staff and Command recently celebrated the graduation of its fifth class on December 17, 2010 at the Michigan State Police Training Academy. The fifth class had 12 police executives representing 8 different police agencies from around the State of Michigan. Lt. Colonel Gary Gorski of the Michigan State Police provided opening remarks prior to the keynote address by Dr. Merry Morash, former director of the School of Criminal Justice at MSU. 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. The fifth class received training in several areas, including budgeting, grant writing, resource allocation and leadership.

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Alumni Board

Left to Right: Alum Paul Sparks and Scott Westerman, MSUAA Executive Director.

Letter from the President

Fellow Alumni,

We were fortunate to have participated in the selection process of the new Director for the School. Board members Bob Parsons, Bill Nash, Traci Ruiz, and myself had the opportunity to meet all of the candidates over dinner and participate in a lively discourse of criminal justice topics. We were also able to submit our individual impressions to the the selection committee.

The board is still continuing their work with Lansing Community College to allow our students to participate in their MCOLES Academy for transferable credit and our Public Safety memorial project is moving through the administrative process of the University for final approval. Upon approval we can then start the fundraising activities.
Mike Thompson  
President, SCJAA

MSUAA Membership

My fellow School of Criminal Justice graduates, I offered to author this communication when I learned that of the 13,800 alum of the School of Criminal Justice (SCJ), only 400 are MSUAA members, that's right, only 400 of us or less then 3% of our alumni are members. The School of Criminal Justice prepared me for a rewarding career, with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and I am certain that it did the same for you, also. That is why, every year, I renew my MSUAA membership and designate Criminal Justice on the application. Even in these admittedly difficult economic times, it is intrinsically important for me to be a School of Criminal Justice, MSUAA member and say "Thanks".

Did you you know that when you join MSUAA and designating the School on the application that you also are directly supporting our alumni activities such as this e-News and the Wall of Fame? That's right, $11 of each yearly $45 MSUAA yearly fee is sent to the School that you designate. So, when you send in your renewal membership fee, or even better yet, initially join MSUAA, please designate on the form that you wish to donate your share to our beloved School of Criminal Justice. Your SCJ needs your support.

If you are receiving this e-News, you may already be a member of MSUAA. If so, please renew your membership, or if you are not a member, please join us now. If you know of other fellow SCJ alums who are not members, please urge them to join us. Your School of Criminal Justice needs your support now, more than ever before.

Be safe. Paul Sparks BS '72 & MS '76, retired NCIS Special Agent & Vice-President of your SCJ Alumni Board.

Go to MSUAA and join today!

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Faculty & Staff

Awards
Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich has become the Chair of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, (ACJS) international section. ACJS is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. The association promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

Bulletin

David Carter was asked to lead a team for the Department of Justice. Following a homicide rate several times the national average, Department of Justice Civil Rights investigations for misconduct and the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Department of Justice performed a detailed assessment of the New Orleans Police Department Homicide Unit. The purpose was to identify problems and make recommendations to make homicide investigations more effective, increase the homicide clearance rate, increase successful prosecutions and reduce the number of homicides occurring in New Orleans. Dr. Carter led a team of investigators from major cities around the country and two specialists from the National Forensic Science Technology Center. Dr. Carter and two of his team members along with a DOJ representative presented their findings to the New Orleans Police Department in April.

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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