Dear Spartan,

Please enjoy reading the spring edition of the School of Criminal Justice newsletter to stay up to date about fellow alum and the activities of the School.

Director Nalla Highlights School's Progress

As the 2011-12 academic year draws to a close I am pleased to share some highlights of events and activities that demonstrate the excellence of the School of Criminal Justice. As happy as we are in always bringing your attention to the excellence of the School, we are also saddened to report that Dr. Vincent Hoffman who retired in May 2011 after 35 years as a faculty member of the school, passed away on January 31, 2012 at the age of 85. Vince served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a missionary in South Korea for 15 years before returning to pursue his doctoral work and academic profession at MSU. Vince's research focused on youth development and delinquency prevention from a developmental psychological perspective. His deep interest in comparative studies of people and societies of East Asia, especially Korea, has led to research on migrants and their adjustment to the criminal justice system in Korea. He was a great colleague and a compassionate mentor. We will miss him dearly.

The School has received a very large number of high quality applications for admissions to the doctoral program as well as to on-campus and online MS programs in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement and Intelligence Analysis. We anticipate a large number of doctoral students defending their dissertations this semester and moving on to teach in high quality criminal justice programs around the country. We are also expecting a large number of MS and undergraduate students to graduate in spring 2012.

< Dr. Mahesh Nalla >

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Sergeant at Arms Retires

Bill Livingood, '61 retired as the House of Representatives Sergeant of Arms after serving 17 years in the position.

Bill served 33 years with the Secret Service before he was appointed Sergeant at Arms in 1995. During his time with the Secret Service he served as Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Presidential Protective Division, Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Protective Forces, Deputy Assistant Director, and Executive Assistant to the Director of the Houston field office.

Bill Livingood was inducted into the School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame (2000), and received the Michigan State University, Distinguished Alumni Award (2010).

Wall of Fame Alum at CALEA Reception

Dr. Gary Cordner, '80, professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Kutztown University, Bruce Sokolove, '70, law enforcement consultant with his firm Field Training Associates and Rick Myers, '89, Interim Chief of Police for the Manitou Springs Police Department came together at a Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reception hosted by Rick at his Colorado home.

Gary, Bruce, and Rick are School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame inductees recognized for their distinguished careers in criminal justice.

Jerry Guibord was Director of Security at Ford Aerospace

Jerry Guibord BS, '72 of Newport Beach California passed away on January 25, 2012 after a valiant and long fought battle with Alzheimer disease.

Jerry was Director of Security at Ford Aerospace in both northern and southern California and an avid golfer. He also served on the School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association Board of Directors from 94-97.
Board President Addresses Initiatives

The board is continuing to work on the Memorial Project. We have met with the Dean who has given us the go ahead to meet with the Provost and present our package. The Dean was most impressed that we have proposed to build a memorial that is inclusive of all academic majors in the University. We all know that we have brothers and sisters who served in public safety that did not receive a degree in criminal justice. At this time we are waiting to find an opening in the Provost's schedule to meet so we can move this project forward.

As to the police academy, Dr. McGarrell is on sabbatical this academic year and has been unable to meet, however, he is interested in working with the Board's sub-committee when he is back in the Director's chair next fall.

Your Board is active and engaged, however, we all must remember that we need to work within the University structure and some things just take time.

< Mike Thompson >

J. Edgar Hoover Scholarship Awarded

The School of Criminal Justice was honored to be selected as the recipient for the 2012 J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship that was awarded to senior, Jeremy Barnum.

Jeremy is an outstanding student who has also been extremely active outside of the classroom through participation in volunteer, internship and student organizations. Retired FBI Special Agent Dennis Langkos and current FBI Special Agent Tom Plantz presented the award to Jeremy during the Career Fair reception. The Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI made this scholarship possible.

< Thomas Plantz, Jeremy Barnum, Dennis Langkos >

Forensic Students Present Posters at AAFS Meeting

Atlanta was the site of the annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, February 20-25, 2012.

The meeting provided our forensic science students and faculty an opportunity to present their scientific posters and to address other members of the academy.

< Michelle Metchikian, Amanda Buszek, Sarah Thomasma, Lisa Hebda >
Dr. Christopher Smith is the recipient of the College of Social Science "Outstanding Teacher Award".

Faculty Award

Dr. Jeremy Wilson has been asked to provide testimony before a joint hearing of the House Judiciary and Senate Law and Justice committees of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

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His testimony will focus on police staffing issues, the economy and organizational performance.

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Dr. Hoffman was an expert in the study of adolescent behavior from a developmental psychological perspective and had a strong interest in comparative studies in East Asia, especially Korea.

Tournament of Friendship Raises Funds for Scholarships

The 30th Annual Tournament of Friendship Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2012 at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, Williamston, Michigan. Each year, the Tournament of Friendship awards annual scholarships to four outstanding students; two from the School pursuing a criminal justice career and two from Lansing Community College who are pursuing a firefighter career.

We invite you to register now for a great day of golf, fellowship and fun; all skill levels are welcome. We are also seeking prize donors, tee and event sponsors to exceed the $10,000 raised last year for scholarship awards. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor email Tim Homberg or call at (517) 432-3197.

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Blum Explores Unused Counterterrorism Laws

Stephanie Blum is an attorney for the Office of General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security, an adjunct law professor for Michigan State University, and an instructor for the School of Criminal Justice. She has also published a book titled "The Necessary Evil of Preventive Detention in the War on Terror, a Plan for a More Moderate and Sustainable Solution", (Cambria Press, November 2008).

Stephanie was recently featured in an article titled "Blum Paper Explores Unused CT Laws", The Naval Postgraduate School and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security press.

Career Fair Draws Nearly 80 Private and Public Agencies

The School hosted its annual Career Fair on Tuesday, February 7th, at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University. Nearly 80 private and public agencies from throughout the Midwest and Michigan, along with agencies from around the country, packed the main ballroom of the Kellogg Center.

If you represent an agency that may be interested in attending the 2013 Criminal Justice Career Fair, or if you are interested in working with the School to host interns or to provide job announcements to the School, please contact Tim Homberg, the School's Career Development Coordinator. He would be happy to work with you. Please email Tim Homberg or call at (517) 432-3197.

Primatologist Discusses Illegal Bushmeat Trade

Dr. Jonah Ratsimbazafy visited our campus to discuss poaching and the science of conservation crime in Madagascar, specifically enforcement and monitoring. The colloquium was sponsored by CSIS, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the School of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Ratsimbazafy is a leading primatologist in Madagascar currently working as the Scientific Coordinator at the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. He has also co-authored the 2nd and 3rd edition of the Field Guide Series: Lemurs of Madagascar.
A-CAPPP Continues to Build Counterfeiting Awareness

Dr. Justin Heinonen and Dr. Jeremy Wilson just completed a new A-CAPPP Paper Series, "Product Counterfeiting: Evidence-Based Lessons for the State of Michigan". Jeremy Wilson, Director of A-CAPPP, said while the number of cases identified in the report represents just a fraction of the counterfeiting cases out there, it offers a baseline of evidence for understanding the nature of the risk.

Brucellosis Found in Ancient Skeletal Remains

Researchers Dr. David Foran and Dr. Todd Fenton along with their teams at Michigan State University collaborated to confirm that brucellosis existed a thousand years ago by extracting DNA from skeletal remains found in the Roman colony of Butrint.

Brucellosis, also referred to as Mediterranean fever is still prevalent today in the region and can be associated with drinking milk or eating cheese made from the milk of infected animals.

Police Managers Tackle Challenging Course

Law enforcement managers continue to search for opportunities to enhance their skill sets in managing police agencies. One course that continues to attract Michigan's police managers looking to move upward on the career ladder is the MSU School of Criminal Justice's School of Police Staff and Command.

Through this 10-week course, the School has combined the latest practices and research in a format that utilizes MSU's technology with classroom learning.
Author Dr. Christopher Smith along with editors Dr. Christina DeJong, Dr. Michael McCall and Dr. Joyce Baugh take a fascinating look at the Supreme Court in *The Rehnquist Court and Criminal Justice*.

During the Rehnquist era (1986-2005) the court took up many hotly debated issues involving criminal justice. Visit Amazon or Barnes and Noble to purchase a copy of *The Rehnquist Court and Criminal Justice*. 