Greetings!

The faculty, staff, students and alumni of the School of Criminal Justice are proud of our legacy of leadership in criminal justice and criminology. As you enjoy this newsletter, evidence of this legacy and continued excellence will be apparent in the awards and recognition of our faculty, students and alumni. It is also clear through the most recent additions to our Wall of Fame.

The Wall of Fame has become an important celebration of the School. Just like our faculty and students are leaders, so too are our alumni. This year the School inducted seven Distinguished Alumni into the Wall of Fame. The inductees included the late Richard Bernitt, former Director of the MSU Public Safety Department; Robert Corso, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit DEA Field office; John Donovan, retired Chief of the Troy Police Department (MI); Daniel Heyns, Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections; Beth Huebner, Associate Professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Patricia

Upcoming Events

ASC Reception
Friday, November 22, 2013
7 - 9 PM
Room A601
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA

Career Fair
February 13, 2014
5:00 PM
Kellogg Hotel
East Lansing, MI
Nowak, Chief of Police, Indiana University Northwest and Darrell Ross, Director of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice at Valdosta State University. We also had the pleasure of inducting our own Distinguished Faculty member, Dr. Tim Bynum.

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Robert Ressler was an Expert Criminologist

Robert Ressler passed away on May 5, 2013 at his home in Spotsylvania, Virginia. Robert graduated from the School of Criminal Justice with a BS, ’62 and MS, ’68. He was inducted into the Wall of Fame in 2005.

He was the founder and former director of the FBI Violent Criminal Apprehension Program and a leading authority on violence. Robert was an expert on identifying and profiling serial killers giving insight into the minds of Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Casey, Ted Bundy and David Berkowitz. He served as a consultant for the television shows Hard Copy, Profiler and Court TV as well as making media appearances on A Current Affair, Serial Killers, Forces Beyond, Psychic Detectives and CNN News.

School of Criminal Justice Launches New Website

We have launched our new website featuring news, upcoming events, faculty profiles, applications and quick links. Our new site offers easy navigation to our graduate and undergraduate programs, alumni, centers and training, research and much more.

Visit Our New Site >>
2013 Wall of Fame Ceremony

Our distinguished alum and faculty were honored at the 2013 Wall of Fame ceremony. Receiving Distinguished Alumni Awards were Richard Bernitt, BS, '43, MS, '62, Robert Corso, BS, '76, John Donovan, BS, '59, Daniel Heyns, MS, '77, Beth Huebner, PhD, '03, Patricia Nowak, BS, '80, MS, '00 and Darrell Ross, PhD, '92. Dr. Timothy Bynum received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Learn more about our Distinguished Alumni by watching their Spartan Sagas. Just click on their names below:

Robert Corso, John Donovan, Daniel Heyns, Beth Huebner, Patricia Nowak, Darrell Ross

2013 Wall of Fame >>

Seth Mitchell: See his Spartan Saga of Courage & Perseverance

Seth Mitchell received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Criminal Justice in 2005. Seth is a fascinating person and inspirational in his hard work that has taken him on an interesting journey since graduating from MSU. His story is one of courage in overcoming obstacles with perseverance.

Ashley Mottar Awarded Forensic Science Thesis Grant
Ashley Mottar, forensic science Masters student has been awarded this years Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant through the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

After receiving the grant Ashley said, "I am very appreciative of the Forensic Science Foundation and the selection committee for designating me as the recipient of the Jan S. Bashinski Thesis Grant. The funding will aide not only my research but also a trip to Seattle, WA this February where I will present my results at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting".

SCJAA Board Update: Paul Sparks

Your board along with Director Ed McGarrell met on Friday, October 4, 2013. The first agenda item was an update by Director McGarrell on the developing relationship between our School of Criminal Justice (SCJ) and the Michigan State Police (MSP), specifically, as it applies to career opportunities for our law enforcement majors.

During the June 2013 meeting of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), several options for providing an Academy experience for MSU students were being considered but were put on hold due to concerns about how such proposals might impact the existing network of Academies. However, the MSP is in a hiring mode, and desires to become more pro-active in hiring our graduates. Accordingly, our School has endorsed a field internship program that allows our law enforcement majors who join and successfully complete the MSP Basic Academy, to receive 12 internship credits plus the possibility of a concurrent 3 credit course that could be applied toward their Bachelor degree.

Our Fallen Heroes Honored at the Wall of Fame Ceremony

Our Fallen Heroes, Officers Daniel Duyst, Grand Rapids Police Department (MI), Bruce Russell, Roseville Police Department (MN)
and Mason Samborski, Oak Park Public Safety (MI) were honored during the 2013 Wall of Fame ceremony.

Families of each of our fallen alum were present to receive a memorial plaque that was presented by SCJAA members Bill Nash, Shawn Rowley, Traci Ruiz and Bruce Sokolove. The School of Criminal Justice Alumni Association established the Public Safety Memorial and Memorial Fund to honor our alum who have died in the line of duty while protecting their communities. Please visit our Public Safety Memorial to learn more about each of our Fallen Heroes and the incident that led to them making the ultimate sacrifice.

Public Safety Memorial >>
Make a Gift to the Memorial Fund >>

Alum Matthew Myers Working to Raise Funds MSU Scholarships

Alum Matthew Myers, BA, '80, MA, '83, Ph.D, '96, has started a MSU Alumni group in central California. The group along with MSUAA will be hosting a National Golf Championship at Pebble Beach on May 8-11, 2014. This event will help raise scholarship funding for high school students to attend Michigan State University.

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Alum Barri Flowers Authors New Book

R. Barri Flowers, 2006 Wall of Fame honoree, criminologist and author has two new crime shorts, Murder at the Pencil Factory and The Pickaxe Killers now in eBook and soon audio. Barri also has a new crime thriller, Before He Kills Again and young adult vampire
novel, Count Dracula's Teenage Daughter. You can follow Barri on Twitter @RBarriFlowers, Facebook and Wikipedia.

Doctoral Student Brandon Sullivan Receives Grant for Research

Doctoral student Brandon Sullivan has been selected as a Terrorism Research Award (TRA) recipient with the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The $5,000 award will help support his dissertation research, a project examining financial crimes committed by the far-right anti-tax movement to identify characteristics of both ideologically motivated and profit-oriented activities. A detailed, focused descriptive analysis will improve the current knowledge of how far-right extremists are organized and commit crimes, including their techniques and motivations. The study will use data from the Extremist Financial Crime Database (EFCDB), a subsection of the Extremist Crime Database (ECDB).

Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind Addresses Global Feminist Criminology

Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind visited the School to present her research on Working Towards a Global Feminist Criminology. Dr. Lind is a Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is nationally recognized for her work on women and crime.

Dr. Sanja Ivkovich will Receive the ACJS International Section Outstanding Book Award

Dr. Sanja Ivkovich will receive the International Section Outstanding Book Award for Reclaiming Justice: The International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Local Courts. The award will be presented at the 2014 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Study Abroad Students Learn About Intelligence-Led Police Strategies

Michigan State University students in the Environmental Science, Policy and Criminology study abroad program (UK) met with officials from the Environment Agency of England and the Wildlife Crime Unit of the London Metropolitan Police Department to learn about intelligence-led policing strategies to address the illegal export of waste by international crime organizations.

Dr. Jennifer Cobbina will be Honored at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

School of Criminal Justice faculty member Dr. Jennifer Cobbina will receive the Division on People of Color and Crime's New Scholar Award at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in November.

Dr. Cobbina's research focuses on the issue of corrections, prisoner re-entry and the understanding of recidivism and desistance among released female offenders.

A-CAPPP Expands Industry Advisory Board

John P. Dowd II joins the A-CAPPP
board from the DuPont Company. John is a 33 year veteran of DuPont and is currently the Global Brand Protection Director for DuPont's Crop Protection Business. John also sits on DuPont's Corporate Brand Protection Council and has extensive experience working with industry associations.

Brian Monks also joins the A-CAPPP board from Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Brian has been with UL for 30 years and has worked in the intellectual property enforcement area for over 18 years. He is currently the Vice President of Anti-Counterfeiting Operations and works closely with national and international law enforcement agencies that identify and seize counterfeit products.

Visit the A-CAPPP Advisory Board >>

Dr. Bilal Sevinc Accepts an Associate Professor Position

**Dr. Bilal Sevinc, PhD ’08 (Chair: Ed McGarrell)**
is a Chief Superintendent in the Turkish National Police. He has been recently approved and awarded the rank of Associate Professor by the Inter-University Council of Turkey. Dr. Sevinc is currently the Director of International Relations Division of the Counter Terrorism Department, Turkish National Police.

Alum Dr. Beth Huebner & Dr. Chris Melde Attend the Eurogang Annual Meeting

Alum and 2013 Wall of Fame honoree Dr. Beth Huebner and
faculty member Dr. Chris Melde attended the Eurogang XIII conference at the University of Kent, Centre of Research & Education in Forensic Psychology in the United Kingdom. The Eurogang network consists of leading European and American researchers in the field of criminology working together to address the emergence of youth gangs and other violent groups throughout Europe.

Pictured: left to right are David Pyrooz, Sam Houston State University, Dena Carson, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Chris Melde, MSU, Beth Huebner, University of Missouri-St. Louis & Kate Fox, Arizona State University