Greetings!

Summer is a wonderful time in East Lansing. The weather is terrific and campus is beautiful. Those unfamiliar with a major research university are often under the impression that life slows down. Although it is true that East Lansing street traffic usually does thin out a bit in the summer, the faculty and staff in the School of Criminal Justice continue on as hectic a pace as ever. Indeed, for faculty the summer represents the time to get caught up on research activity and prepare for next year's teaching.

Enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and have a great summer!

Upcoming Events

31st Annual Tournament of Friendship Golf Outing
July 19, 2013
Wheatfield Valley Golf Course
Williamston, MI

SCJAA Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2013
1:00 PM
Kellogg Center
The Polytechnic of Namibia, South Africa has entered into a partnership with Michigan State University that will encourage and promote international academic cooperation through a range of activities. The Polytechnic of Namibia is currently transforming into Namibia University of Science and Technology.

Most recently, Education USA Windhoek hosted the School of Criminal Justice in Namibia to give an overview of the admissions process at Michigan State University as well as what it means to be a Spartan. They also gave a presentation on the Master Card Foundation Scholarship offered to students who are admitted to Michigan State University. School's representatives were Dr. Ed McGarrell, David Stephens and Dr. Natalie Hipple.

Dr. Ed McGarrell & David Stephens

Melinda Ferguson McPherson: Assistant Professor of Forensic Science at Columbia College

Mindy McPherson (formerly Ferguson) graduated from MSU with a degree in chemistry in 2000 and a master's degree in criminal justice with a specialization in forensic science in 2001. She earned a graduate degree in analytical chemistry in 2005 from Virginia Tech which led her to a position with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Department of Navy working in explosive chemistry.

Mindy has recently taken a position as an Assistant Professor of Forensic Science at Columbia College beginning Fall of
2013.

Dr. David Carter Receives the O. W. Wilson Award

Dr. David Carter is the recipient of the O. W. Wilson Award, the highest award given by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Police Section for Outstanding Lifelong Service to the Police Profession, Research, Education and Service.

The award was presented to Dr. Carter at the Annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting.

Our 2013 Master's Graduates

The School of Criminal Justice hosted a luncheon to honor our 2013 Master's graduates and congratulate them on their many accomplishments. Congratulations to the class of 2013!

Dr. Sheila Maxwell, Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Geoffrey Gawne, Alison Colby, Amanda Battani, Dr. Christina DeJong, Zenaida Castro, Chae Mamayek, Melissa Christle, Dr. Ed McGarrell, Brennan Brophy, Nicole Geske, Scott Nalu, O'Doric Green & Dr. Mahesh Nalla

Forensic Biology Student Mac Hopkins will Receive the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award

James (Mac) Hopkins is a first-year Forensic Biology student and his paper "Multivariate Statistical Evaluation of Bacterial rRNA16S V4-V6 Sequencing to Identify Soil Evidence" was selected as the winner in this year's Emerging Forensic Scientist Award competition.

Over 150 papers and posters were submitted. The award will be presented at the 2014 American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Seattle.

Abigail Wroble Receives Award at the
Annual University Undergraduate Research & Arts Forum

Criminal Justice undergraduate, Abigail Wroble received the Social Science oral presentation award during the annual University Undergraduate Research & Arts Forum. Her presentation was entitled Probation/Parole Officers Role in Recovery: The Importance of Communication.

Dr. Jeremy Carter is the Recipient of the President's Award of Excellence

Alum Jeremy Carter B.S., M.S., Ph.D. received the President's Award of Excellence from the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) at their Annual Meeting in Chicago. The award was for Dr. Carter's service as the Editor of the IALEIA Journal and his work in both significantly increasing the visibility of the journal and for his work in making it a peer-reviewed journal that is consistent with the quality of other scholarly journals.

Dr. Carter is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis.

SCJAA Board Update: Paul Sparks

Fellow Criminal Justice Alumni,

I have three items to report to you. The Board met on Saturday, April 27th along with Director Ed McGarrell & Tim Homberg, Career Development Coordinator. The first agenda item was an update by members of the board on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) pre-service certification initiative for law enforcement undergraduates. The goal is to integrate a peace officer certification program into the CJ Bachelor of
Science degree. Mid-Michigan Police Academy at Lansing Community College identified several issues regarding credits, tuition and timing of an academy within an undergraduate curriculum. These issues are complex and require additional study and discussion with Michigan State University. Another possible avenue was briefed by Director McGarrell involving the Michigan State Police and the School. This option will be discussed at the June 2013 MCOLES meeting. So, stay tuned for updates.

The Public Safety Memorial tribute for three of our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty is close to becoming reality. The tribute will be given at the Wall of Fame on October 4th where Director Ed McGarrell, MSUAA Director Scott Westerman and the Board will "memorialize" the three officers. Each family will receive an engraved plaque with the image of their loved one as well as presenting three identical plaques to the university. Several permanent display locations are under consideration including the refurbished Student Union.

31st Annual Tournament of Friendship Tournament

The 31st Annual Tournament of Friendship Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, July 19th at the lovely Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston, MI. This annual event awards $10,000 in scholarships each year to students who are from Michigan and who are pursuing Firefighting, Criminal Justice and Security-Related educational programs through the MSU School of Criminal Justice, Lansing Community College and Davenport University. The School of Criminal Justice has been a long-time partner in this event and has awarded dozens of its students with scholarships over the past three decades. The outing routinely sells out. If you are interested in participating in this year's outing, please visit Tournament of Friendship for registration information.

To support the $10,000 in scholarships each year, the Tournament of Friendship relies heavily on community support. Please consider supporting a Tee Sponsorship for $100 from yourself or from your organization. Every penny (100%) of the Tee Sponsorship money goes directly into the Scholarship Fund. The Tournament also accepts prize donations (apparel, gift cards, golf items) and monetary donations in any amount; every bit helps. If you would like to donate to this worthy event (prizes, money, your time) or if
you have any questions, please contact Tim Homberg and he will answer them for you. You can reach Tim by phone at: (517) 432-3197, or via email.

Dae Chang Speaker Series Hosts Kamal Kumar

Dae Chang International Speaker Series hosted retired Director Mr. Kamal Kumar of the Indian Police Academy, Hyderabad, India. He presented on the Strengths and Infirmities of the Indian Criminal Justice System: Need for Research.

During his tenure as the Director of the National Police Academy he enriched the learning infrastructure of the Academy to establish and strengthen the bonds of collaboration of mutual learning with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi and the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, New Delhi.

Mr. Kamal Kumar is currently with the Administrative Staff College in Hyderabad, India.

A-CAPPP Launches Industry Academy

Earlier this year, the A-CAPPP launched a new research initiative called the Industry Academy. The program partners industry professionals with A-CAPPP staff and partners. Each industry fellow chose a topic related to anti-counterfeiting and product protection and was then partnered with a member of the A-CAPPP who will provide support for the project. The academy term will last approximately 6 months. In this time,
Michigan State University will host academy fellows to facilitate interactions among fellows and A-CAPPP researchers. At the conclusion of the academy, each fellow will have the opportunity to share their research through a presentation at MSU and will be published as an A-CAPPP Backgrounder. The academy for 2013 consists of professionals from L'Oreal, DuPont, Johnson & Johnson, Qualcomm and Living Essentials.

Justin Heinonen, Chris Trent, Tom Holt, Chris Lyden, Steven Threefoot, Michael DeStefano, Stan Griffis, Roger Calantone, Doug Moyer, Rod Kinghorn, Jeremy Wilson & Dave Vargas

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