Greetings!

It is with tremendous pleasure that I share my first update as Director. As I complete my first six weeks, I reflect on how wonderful and challenging the experience has been. In an effort to learn as much as I could about the School, I set a goal to meet with all members of the School in the first 90 days and I am on track to meet that goal. As important, I have been afforded opportunities to meet with our community partners through events such as the Career Fair, an impressive occasion that is highlighted in this newsletter.

For those of you that don't know much about me, I spent the last 25 years on faculty at Georgia State University, a large urban research university in the heart of central Atlanta. While there, I served in many leadership roles, including appointment as the Associate Provost for Institutional

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Cybercrime March 26, 2015 Henry Center East Lansing, MI

Enhancing Your Crime Prevention/Security Program April 27, 2015 Mason Fire Department Mason, MI

First Line Supervision May 4, 2015
Effectiveness. My research and teaching interests center on gender-based violence and evaluation research. As a policy researcher, I enjoy collaborating with community partners in efforts to improve our response to crime and enhance the well-being of citizens. This commitment to engagement is one of the major strengths of the School and MSU, and I look forward to taking the lead.

Mary Brandstatter was a Prominent Member of the MSU Community

The School of Criminal Justice is saddened by the passing of Mary Brandstatter on January 12, 2015. Originally from Bay City, Mary attended Michigan State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree. However, more importantly while at MSU she met the love of her life, All-American fullback, Art Brandstatter. Mary and Art were married in 1936 and travelled the country following his career in the Armed Forces. In 1946 they returned to East Lansing and became prominent members of the Michigan State University community. While at MSU Mary worked as an advisor and counselor in the College of Human Ecology and Art served as a Professor and Director of Police Administration until 1976.

Alum Wan-Koo Lee becomes Prime Minister of Korea

Wan-Koo Lee has been nominated as the Prime Minister of Korea. He graduated from the School of Criminal Justice in 1984 with a Master of Science degree and was a 2005 Wall of Fame Honoree. Before his nomination Mr. Lee was a floor leader of the ruling Saenuri Party and has served a distinguished career in Criminal Justice including law enforcement, academia and foreign service.

Alum Toby Wolson was Appointed to
the Organization of Scientific Area Committees

Alum Toby L. Wolson, '78, MS '86, was appointed to the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) as the Chair of the Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Subcommittee. OSAC is part of an initiative by NIST and the Department of Justice to strengthen forensic science in the United States. The organization is a collaborative body of more than 500 forensic science practitioners and other experts who represent local, state, and federal agencies; academia; and industry.

Toby works for the Miami-Dade Police Department as a Criminalist Supervisor.

Alum Suzanne Spiegoski-Decamps Authors Crime Novel

Alum Suzanne Spiegoski-Decamps is a photographer, figure skating coach and author of her new crime novel *The Fisherman's Lily*.

Suzanne's story begins when Lily Dietz, an ambitious yet short-tempered Asian-American NYC homicide detective, and longtime partner John Fremont begin to work a unique but gruesome murder case when cryptic clues in the evidence start to link with Lily's dark and troubling past. *The Fisherman's Lily* is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

Doctoral Student Carrie Li Receives the COGS Disciplinary Leadership Award
Congratulations to doctoral student Carrie Li as she has been selected to receive the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Disciplinary Leadership Award.

The Council of Graduate Students (COGS) is an authorized student government on campus representing our graduate/professional students at various levels across Michigan State University. Their mission is to improve and advance graduate education in order to ensure the vitality of intellectual discovery. COGS accomplishes its mission through advocacy, innovative research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.

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Dae Chang Speaker Series Welcomes Anna Gurinskaya

Scholar Anna Gurinskaya presented her research on Crime & Crime Control in Modern Russia: Challenges & Perspectives during the Dae Chang Speaker series.

Dr. Gurinskaya is an Associate Professor in the Smolny College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, International Relations, Political Science and Human Rights Program of the St. Petersburg State University in Russia. She also teaches part-time in the Department of Criminal Law at the Russian State Pedagogical University of Herzen. Dr. Gurinskaya received her MPA in 2004 from Michigan State University. Her concentration was Criminal Justice, Policy Analysis, and Quantitative Research Methods.

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Associate Professor Chris Melde is the Recipient of the 2015 Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award
Please join the School of Criminal Justice in congratulating Dr. Chris Melde, associate professor, who is the 2015 recipient of the Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award given by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Juvenile Justice Section. The award recognizes young scholars who have made significant contributions to the field of juvenile justice.

SCJAA Board Update: President Traci Ruiz

Happy New Year fellow Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice (MSU SCJ) Alumni!

The MSU SCJ has a rich history of distinguished alumni serving in every aspect of the Criminal Justice System throughout the world. I am honored to be asked to represent the Alumni Board and the thousands of graduates from MSU SCJ. Furthermore, we look forward to fostering a strong alliance with SCJ Director, Dr. Mary Finn, and building upon our successes at MSU.

From Baker Hall, to the classroom, to support of the athletics programs, we all share a fond and intense dedication to the Green and White. We congratulate our Spartan Football team for their Cotton Bowl victory on January 1, 2015, which started our New Year off perfectly. We also celebrate successes with our Spartan basketball teams, hockey, as well as track and field, to name a few. What great examples of leadership, teamwork, and will!

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Associate Professor Jesenia Pizarro is the 2015 Recipient of the Athena Young Professional Leadership Award
Associate Professor Jesenia Pizarro was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Athena Young Professional Leadership Award.

The award "recognizes an emerging woman leader who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and initiative in her business or profession, provides valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in her community, and serves as a role model for young women both personally and professionally."

2015 Career Fair Informing Students about Career Opportunities

The School of Criminal Justice sponsored another successful Career Fair for our students. Between 70 and 80 agencies visited the campus to inform them about career opportunities in their organizations.

In addition to agency representatives, students can also register for mock interviews. These interviews introduce them to a real-world interview experience and provide an opportunity to learn what they might encounter during a job interview.

Forensic Science Program Presents at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Meeting

Faculty and students of our Forensic Science program presented their research at the annual American Academy of Forensics meeting in Orlando, Florida. There were over twenty presentations by the Forensic program.

Pictured: Students Becca Ray, Tim Antinick, Ellen Jesmok & Fanny Chu

Professor William Terrill to Serve on
Ad-Hoc Committee to President's 21st Century Policing Task Force

Dr. Terrill was recently assigned to the Division of Policing, American Society of Criminology. Ad Hoc Committee to the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Division of Policing seeks to advance theory, knowledge and practice in policing through rigorous research and evaluation. The Division recognizes the fundamental importance of the police for maintaining order, protecting civil liberties, and enhancing public safety in free societies. It is committed to advancing the science of policing, testing innovation in the field, and promoting excellence in practice through translational activities. These goals can be achieved by facilitating a dialogue and building partnerships among policing scholars, practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and students of policing.

Terrill is also in the final stages of Assessing Police Use of Force Policy and Outcomes study, which examined varying use of force issues across 8 cities. To date, numerous publications have resulted from data collected on this project, including:

- 14 peer review journal articles, several of which have appeared in top ranked outlets such as Criminology, Justice Quarterly, and Police Quarterly.
- 2 MSU SCJ doctoral student dissertations (Jason Ingram and Mike Rossler)
- Published a book titled Police Culture: Adapting to the Strains of the Job (Eugene Paoline and William Terrill) by Carolina Academic Press.

Growing Opportunities in Law Enforcement Intelligence & Analysis
The Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis (LEIA) online Masters program has grown to more than 70 students. Crime and data analysis is an emerging field. Analysts can now be found not only in law enforcement agencies of varying size, but also in Prosecutor and City Manager Offices, and private and non-profit entities. The growing membership in such associations as the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA), and International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analyst (IALEIA), is evident of the expansive field. Both Associations put on worthy conferences and are a good resource for job vacancy announcements.

(Pictured 2014 Graduating Class)

For LEIA students hoping to acquire hands on experience prior to graduation, the LEIA program offers Field Placement opportunities. Carryll Wang, a current LEIA student graduating in May 2015, completed a field placement opportunity last semester at the North Central Texas Fusion Center just outside of Dallas, Texas. Carryll was then asked to stay on for the current semester as well as encouraged to apply for a full-time, paid position. At the Fusion Center, Carryll provides analytical support for a new task force comprised of the US Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations, state and local law enforcement officials. The Joint Intelligence and Operational Interagency Task Force was formed to address rising trends of multijurisdictional crime, by allowing law enforcement entities to efficiently combine or share resources and recognize patterns of criminal activity occurring across jurisdictions. Through her work at the Fusion Center, Carryll has received training on analytical software including Savanna, Penlink, Nexus Client and Autofind as well as engaged in performing target analysis to validate threats, aid local detectives with geospatial mapping of cell towers and participate in numerous training courses.

Carryll states, "I especially enjoy being able to learn the software programs and immediately apply it for use on cases. I have also been invited to participate in training courses, such as the FEMA Incident Command System and Fusion Liaison Officer Trainings, all of which have presented great networking and learning opportunities. I find myself constantly learning new techniques, gaining exposure to the industry standards, being tasked with challenging assignments while also rapidly expanding my network of professionals in the field. In short, I am so grateful to have this opportunity!"

Carryll's Supervisor offers, "As an intern with the North Central Texas Fusion Center, Carryll Wang has displayed a
strong power of analytical reasoning and excelled in analyzing and adjusting analytical work procedures for maximum efficiency. Her ability to communicate, organize, direct, and complete any intelligence function or additional duty has been exemplary. Carryll has adapted well to a number of situations and working environments while establishing effective working relationships with her coworkers and superiors. Carryll is an outstanding representation of why Michigan State University is home to the most talented, creative, and hardworking students you will find. Carryll has proven to be a great asset to the North Central Texas Fusion Center because of her positive disposition, her reflective way of operating, and the many character traits that make her a professional."