As the Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, I welcome you to our 2013 Newsletter that has been masterfully produced by Amanda Porterfield, Administrative Assistant in CCJ. To familiarize yourself with the Department, I encourage you to visit our website (http://www.umsl.edu/ccj/) and to review prior newsletters available on the website. These informative newsletters highlight departmental activities and achievements each year.

The Department would like to welcome two new faculty members: Dan Isom joins as the Professor of Policing and the Community (Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-St. Louis) and Elaine Doherty joins the Department as an Associate Professor (Ph.D. from the University of Maryland). We are extremely pleased to be joined by these two scholars.

The CCJ faculty continues to publish in the leading journals, receive federal research grants, and garner awards. Professor Janet Lauritsen has been appointed as Curators’ Professor (joining three other faculty members with this honorific title). Professor Rick Rosenfeld is this year’s recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service, becoming the first faculty member to receive all three Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence. He has previously received the awards for teaching and for research and creative activity. Professor Stephanie DiPietro is this year’s recipient of the Gerald and Deanne Gitner Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor DiPietro was also awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2014.

The Department continues to increase its online course offerings for students enrolled in the undergraduate program. As of last year, we now offer online all courses required to complete the BS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Please see the list of online courses under Bachelor’s Program News on page 3.

Best wishes for a productive and informative academic year.

Finn Esbensen, Ph.D.
E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime and Violence and Chairperson

Faculty Awards and Appointments
Kristin Carbone-Lopez, Lee Slocum, and T.J. Taylor received tenure and were promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor. Tim Maher was promoted from Associate to Full Teaching Professor.

Stephanie DiPietro was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant for the project “A Cross National Study of Criminal Trajectories in Post-War Bosnia and St. Louis.” She will spend the Spring 2014 semester researching and teaching at the University of Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Stephanie DiPietro received the 2013 Gerald and Deanne Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award.

Beth Huebner was honored by her alma mater, Michigan State. She was inducted into the School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame, which “honors alumni and faculty who have achieved the highest level of professional accomplishment while demonstrating strong personal integrity and character.”

Dan Isom received an Eisenhower Fellowship to study policing methods in Germany and Ireland. You can read about Dr. Isom’s experience at http://drdanisom.com.

Janet Lauritsen was awarded a University of Missouri Curators’ Professorship. Curators’ Professorships are prestigious positions, and only outstanding scholars with established reputations are considered for appointment.

Janet Lauritsen was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. The honorary title "Fellow" recognizes persons who have made a scholarly contribution to the intellectual life of the discipline.

Rick Rosenfeld received the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service. Dr. Rosenfeld is the only UMSL faculty member to receive all three Chancellor’s Awards. He won the award for Research & Creativity in 2006 and for Teaching in 1994. This is also the fourth year in a row that our faculty have won a Chancellor’s Award.
Rick Rosenfeld has been named Chairperson of the National Academy of Sciences' Roundtable on Crime Trends. Funded by the National Institute of Justice, this three-year project is designed to develop a better understanding of the factors associated with changes in crime over time, both in the U.S. and elsewhere. The Roundtable consists of twelve academics and four practitioners. Dan Isom and Janet Lauritsen are also members of the Roundtable. This new research project was recently featured in a news story by The Crime Report: http://www.thecrimereport.org/news/inside-criminal-justice/2013-08-explaining-the-us-crime-decline.

Rick Rosenfeld was profiled in the St. Louis Business Journal (vol. 33, pp. 8-9, March 22-28, 2013).

Matt Vogel received an American Society of Criminology and Bureau of Justice Statistics Collaborative Research Award (with Lauren Porter, Kent State University).

Matt Vogel was selected to be a visiting fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Science.

New Faculty

After a nationwide search, we are delighted to announce that Elaine Doherty has joined us as Associate Professor. Dr. Doherty received her PhD in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 2005. Before joining the UMSL faculty, she was an Assistant Scientist in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dan Isom joined us in January as E. Desmond Lee Professor of Policing and the Community. Dr. Isom received his PhD in Criminology & Criminal Justice from UMSL 2008. Prior to joining the UMSL faculty, he was Chief of Police for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Doctoral Program News

New Doctoral Students

Welcome to Joe Durso, Jennifer Gerlomes, LaShawndra Hooks, Brittany Jaecques, Tim McCuddy, and Derek Velazco.

New PhDs

Congratulations to Jennifer Owens for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is “Defining Stalking and Its Relationship to Other Forms of Violent and Property Victimization: An Analysis of NCVS Data.” The chair of her committee is Janet Lauritsen. Dr. Owens is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

New ABDs

Congratulations to Kimberly Kras, Hyon Namgung, and Stephanie Wiley for successfully defending their dissertation proposals:


Hyon Namgung, “How Do Specialized Units Affect the Outputs of Police Organizations?: Investigating the Effect of Community Policing Units on Community Policing Activities in Local Police Departments.” Committee Chair: David Klinger.

Stephanie Wiley, “The Amplification of Deviance Following Police Contact: An Examination of Individual and Contextual Factors.” Committee Chair: Finn Esbensen.

Doctoral Student Awards and Accolades

Michael Deckard has continued conducting research on policing strategies in St. Louis as part of the St. Louis Public Safety Partnership. This year he is joined by Kimberly Kras, who is evaluating parole practices, and Josh Williams, who is assisting in the development of an integrated criminal justice database for St. Louis.

Michael Deckard won the 2013 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Congratulations to Kimberly Kras and Stephanie Wiley for placing in the UMSL Graduate School Research Fair on April 15th. This is Kimberly’s second year winning.

Kimberly Kras is the 2013 recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing’s Dissertation Scholarship Award.

Cheyonna Sewell was accepted into and attended the Bureau of Justice Statistics sponsored ICPSR workshop. She also became a participant of the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network (RDCJN).

Dissertation Deadlines

ABDs must be ready to submit a copy of their dissertation in “essentially final form” to the Graduate School six weeks prior to the end of the semester. Students who plan to receive the PhD by May 2014 must have their dissertation completed by April 1st. Finally, students who plan to complete their degree by the end of this academic year must have completed the dissertation by July 1st. Remember, you must be enrolled in the semester in which you defend your dissertation. Also, be aware that summer graduations are much more difficult to coordinate because of faculty research obligations. Be sure to plan ahead.

Master’s Program News

Welcome to the 2013 M.A. Cohort


Congratulations

The following students received their Master of Arts degree during the 2012-2013 school year: Stephanie Benson, Matthew Besch, Shanna Blank-Parmeley, Katherine Dombroski, Amber Freitas, Shytierra Gaston, Caitlin Higgins, Aekkamol
Luadlai, Kathryn McKanna, Leanne Niemczyk, Erica Ross, Adam Shook, Katherine Stephens, Miranda Wiley, and Monica Wingler.

**Scholarship**

The Edward G. Longinette Scholarship:

*Aaron Levin* and *Corinne Seckinger*

**Reminder**

Students who plan on graduating in **December 2013 or May 2014** should have already filed an M-1 Form (Program for Master’s Degree) with the Graduate School. MA students should contact their faculty advisor if they have any questions about anticipated graduation dates. Students should contact Graduate Director Beth Huebner to confirm their graduation date. The M-1 Form (and all other Graduate School Forms) is available online: on the UMSL Graduate School web page, go to “Current Students,” then “Forms.”

**Bachelor’s Program News**

**Online Degree Program**

We continue to increase our online course offerings for undergraduate students. As of Spring 2013, we now offer online all courses required to complete the BS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The following courses are available for online instruction:

- 1100 Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 1110 Theories of Crime
- 1120 Criminal Law
- 2130 Criminal Justice Policy
- 2210 Research Methods
- 2220 Statistics
- 2240 Policing
- 2260 Courts
- 3230 Crime Prevention
- 3345 Rights of the Offender
- 4320 Forms of Criminal Behavior
- 4325 Gender, Crime and Justice
- 4335 Probation and Parole
- 4390 Seminar in Criminology & Criminal Justice

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the 132 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2012-2013 school year. We also had 24 students graduate with a Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice.


**Scholarships**

Doris Fishman Scholarship:

*Kyle Hampton* and *Gwen Smith*

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship:

*Joshua Bennett* and *Shakauna Jones*

**CCJ Chair’s List**

Twelve undergraduate students were nominated to the CCJ Chair’s List. Students on this list must be CCJ majors, meet a cumulative grade-point average threshold, and be nominated by a member of the CCJ faculty. Congratulations to Susan Adams, Joshua Bennett, Haley Cronin, Rachel Danaby, Daniel Frey, Lachelle Garner, Russell Hesser, Rayna Houk, Andrew Houska, Gwen Smith, Sadie Tull, and David Turner.

**Our Influence**

**Research Grants**


**Publications**

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2012.

* indicates graduate student, ** indicates alumni

**ARTICLES**


BOOKS


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**Alumni News**

**Awards and Projects**

**Ann Dirks-Linhorst** (PhD 2003) received the 2013 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville William and Margaret Going Professorship Award for her research on mental health advocacy. This award recognizes faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences who have outstanding scholarly accomplishments.

**Research Grants**

Sriram Chellappaan (PI, Missouri University of Science and Technology), **Thomas J. Holt** (PhD 2005), and **Adam M. Bossler** (PhD 2006). 2013. "Collaborative Research: A Multi-Disciplinary Framework for Modeling Spatial, Temporal, and Social Dynamics of Cyber Criminals." (MSU subaward-$58,000). National Science Foundation.


**Career News**

**Chris Melde** (PhD 2007) was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Michigan State University.

**Rick Ruddell** (PhD 2002) was promoted to full Professor at the University of Regina.

**Allison Welch** (MA 2012) is working as an Assistant Pretrial Release Commissioner with the circuit court for the city of St. Louis. “It is the exact kind of real-world work I have been wanting since my first criminology course as a college freshman,” she says.

**Publications**

Please see “Our Influence” for alumni publications with current department members.

**ARTICLES**


**Thomas J. Holt.** 2013. “Examining the Forces Shaping Cybercrime Markets Online.” Social Science Computer Review 31: 165-177


**BOOKS**


**BOOK CHAPTERS**

Almost 30 years ago, Charles “Chuck” Huber sat in the front row of Richard Wright’s first criminology course at UMSL. Dr. Wright became a mentor and friend to Mr. Huber, and they’ve kept in touch over the years. After receiving his BS at UMSL in Administration of Justice, Mr. Huber graduated from Washington University School of Law and eventually became President of Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products. This spring, Mr. Huber gave the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice $100,000 in Ralcorp stock. The gift will be used to create the Charles G. Huber, Jr. Endowed Dissertation Fellowship in Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Charles G. Huber, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Please read more online:

ALUMNUS CHUCK HUBER GIVES A VERY GENEROUS GIFT TO CCJ

Professor Richard Wright (left) and alumnus Charles Huber. Photo by August Jennewein.