Welcome! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep students, instructors, and faculty informed about the CCJ department by providing news of departmental changes, upcoming events, recent research grants, publications, and news about alumni. Published each semester, the newsletter also reminds graduate students of important Graduate School deadlines for completing the M.A. and Ph.D. in a timely manner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Farewell**

After 25 years of service, Cathy McNeal has retired from the university. As an employee of UMSL, Cathy was awarded the Chancellor’s Award for Service, the highest award given to an employee. Good luck Cathy.

(Rick Rosenfeld, Janet Lauritsen, Cathy McNeal, Dave Curry, and Richard Wright)

**Faculty Awards**

*Richard Rosenfeld* was awarded the University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity. This annual award is given to faculty members who have demonstrated superior achievement in a program of research and creativity.

**Special Projects and Events**

**Youth Violence Prevention Conference**

The 6th Annual Youth Violence Prevention Conference will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at the J.C. Penny Conference Center. The title of the conference is *Prevention Strategies, Minority Perspectives, and Juvenile Justice System Response*. Presenters include: Marvin Berkowitz (UMSL), Peggy Giordano (Bowling Green State University), James C. Howell (U.S. Department of Justice), David Huizinga (University of Colorado-Boulder), David Huizinga (University of Colorado-Boulder), Eric Stewart (UMSL), and Geoff Ward (Northeastern University).

Finn Esbensen, E. Desmond Lee Chair in Youth Crime and Violence, is organizing the conference. For more information, contact Finn at esbensen@umsl.edu

**Guest Speakers**

The department is hosting two guest speakers this semester: *Allen Beck* (Deputy Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics) will make a presentation on February 23rd; *Joan Petersilia* (University of California-Irvine) will visit on April 13th.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 46 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree in Winter 2006.

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to Rachael Birmingham, Erin Carrell, Jillian Collins, Jane Gehrs, Katie Krankel, Katherine Long, Ronald Middleton, Cassidy Renick, Una Sammons, Brooke Suda, and Andrew Zugmaier who graduated with Latin Honors.
**M.A. PROGRAM NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who received their M.A. degrees during the Fall semester: Gabrial Crocker, Laurie Lombardo, Crystal Patterson, Ryan Renieri.

Students who plan on **graduating in May 2007 or August 2007** 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 M.A. Graduate Director David Klinger to confirm their graduation date. The M-1 Form (and all other Graduate School Forms) are available on-line. Go to “Rules and Regulations” under the UMSL Graduate School web page to find the forms.

**Ph.D. PROGRAM NEWS**

**New Ph.D.s**

Congratulations to **Timothy Maher** for successfully defending his dissertation. Dr. Maher’s dissertation is entitled, “Police Sexual Misconduct: An Examination of Its Nature, Extent, and Control”. The chair of his committee is Richard Wright.

**New Ph.D. Candidates**

Congratulations to **Brad Brick** for successfully completing the comprehensive exams. Graduate students are designated “Ph.D. Candidates” after they have completed coursework and exams.

**Dissertation Deadlines**

In order to receive the Ph.D. by the end of this semester, 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 Ph.D. by May 2007 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.**

**Comprehensive Exams**

The Winter 2007 comprehensive exams will take place on May 2-4. Students who plan to take their exams should confirm their place with Rick Rosenfeld, the new chair of the Ph.D. program. The committee consists of Professors Miller, Stewart, and Huebner.

**Professional Development Seminars**

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**OUR INFLUENCE**

**Publications**

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since August 2006 (**“** indicates graduate student, **“** indicates alumni graduate student):

**Research Articles**


**Book Chapters**


**Research Grants**

Huebner, Beth M. Evaluation of the PSN Anti-Gang Initiative. $32,046. *Bureau of Justice Assistance*. 
**Special Appointments**

**Eric Baumer** was elected as Vice President (and President-Elect) of the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

**Janet Lauritsen** will serve on the National Research Council's Committee on National Statistics, Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

**Karin Tusinski** was elected President of the UMSL Graduate Student Council. The purpose of the GSC is to serve as an organized representative body for the graduate students on matters of academics, student welfare, and campus policy.

**Pernell Witherspoon, ABD** has been promoted to the position of Dean of the Human Services Division of Lindenwood University.


**Other**

**Ann Dirks-Linhoorst** (Ph.D. 2003) was appointed to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville’s Institutional Review Board.

**Noelle E. Fern** (Ph.D. 2003) has accepted a position at Saint Louis University.

**Tom Holt** (Ph.D. 2005) was recently awarded a research grant through UNC-Charlotte for a research project titled "A Qualitative Examination of Computer Hackers and Hacking." University of North Carolina at Charlotte COAS Small Grants Program.

**Rick Ruddell** (Ph.D. 2002) has accepted a position at Eastern Kentucky University.

Congratulations to **Alli Rojek** and (formerly Allison Deutsch – MA 2006) **Jeff Rojek** (Ph.D. 2005) who were married on 10/21/06 in Iowa. They are enjoying South Carolina and recently purchased a home and adopted a puppy.

**GOT NEWS?**

We would like to hear from you. The newsletter welcomes news from alumni of our graduate program. Keep us posted on your professional activities! Send your information to Beth Huebner (Huebnerb@umsl.edu).