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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR—ERIC LAMBERT



Greetings! Welcome to the Summer/Fall 2012 edition of the newsletter for the Department of Criminal Justice at Wayne State University.

The Spring/Summer and Fall 2012 semesters have been both busy and productive. The Criminal Justice Faculty and staff have continued to work hard through both semesters in order to provide a quality learning experience for students. More than 40 different Criminal Justice classes were offered across these two semesters. While the majority of these classes were taught at the main campus of Wayne State Univer-

sity, the department is excited about offering several courses each semester in the undergraduate program at the Macomb Educational Center campus. The program at Macomb continues to grow. If you know of potential students for the Criminal Justice program at either campus, please have them contact me. The Department takes great joy when Criminal Justice students are successful in their academic endeavors and careers. The Department takes great pride when students graduate and go out

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CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE—BY DAVID T. NADOLSKI

A Story of Informant Development



We've all seen the movie where the whiney, nervous, twitchy guy says to the cop, "it's gonna cost ya" and the cop hands him \$20.00 for his "golden" information as the guy looks around and shoves the bill in his shirt. We're watching the guy and thinking, lousy low life rat! That's the Hollywood version of informants, sleazy, untrustworthy and in it for the quick buck.

The fact is informants come in all shapes and sizes and have different reasons for providing information. The trick for the law enforcement officer is determining what motivates your informant or potential informant,

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Research: Stack Article Most Cited of 960

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An article by Dr. Steven Stack, "Suicide: A Decade Review of the Sociological Literature," published in *Deviant Behavior An Interdisciplinary Journal*, (1982) 4, 44-66, has been listed as the most widely cited of articles ever published in that journal. A total of 960 articles have been published in the journal since 1979. According to an analysis based on citations received in the literature in the Web of Science (online), the most widely cited ten articles received between 43 to 103 citations. Stack's article is first, having been cited 103 times. The article has been widely cited by researchers as a source of information summing up the literature on the social risk factors for suicide including divorce, unemployment, poverty, media coverage, and gun availability as well as protective factors including religiosity, parenting, and

strength of social networks. Stack's article is a "citation classic" - articles that are in the top one percent in the number of citations by researchers in the field. Other citation classics included articles by noted criminologists: Ronald Akers, John Cochran, and Peter Wood. Topics included dating violence, academic dishonesty, marijuana use, topless dancers, and workplace crime. A full report is forthcoming in Stack, S. (2013). "Citation Classics in *Deviant Behavior*," 34 (2), in press. *Deviant Behavior* is a journal ranked 15th in prestige among the 69 journals in criminology and criminal justice.



Professor Zalman Spoke at Wrongful Conviction Conference in China

This August, Professor Marvin Zalman was invited to address attendees at the International Conference on the Prevention of Wrongful Convictions sponsored by the Research Center of Criminal Justice at Renmin University of China and the School of Law of Jilin University. The two-day conference was held in Changchun, the provincial capital of Jilin Province. The more than 250 attendees included a number of foreign scholars and academics, judges, procurators (prosecutors), lawyers, and police officials from all of China.

The international conference followed two national conferences on the issue, as the Chinese government has been working to curb police abuses and problems in its criminal justice system and reform its criminal procedure law. Prof. Zalman, an expert in criminal procedure and wrongful convictions, spoke about the decades-long historic process that occurred in the United States to

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eliminate was called the “third-degree” in this country. Chinese academics and jurists are more forthright in addressing the stubborn practice of police torture, even though it has been outlawed and coerced confessions are inadmissible in Chinese courts.

Professor Zalman acknowledged that visiting several cities in China and attending the conference has been helpful in gaining a better understanding of justice issues in that country. He and Asst. Prof. Yuning Wu of the Criminal Justice Department presented a paper on “Wrongful Conviction in China” at the American Society of Criminology and will be writing on the topic.



Professor Marvin Zalman at the Wrongful Conviction Conference in China

COMING SOON

A Mentoring Wrap-Up Meeting in April 2013

A meeting to wrap up for the students and the mentors in the 2012/2013 Criminal Justice Professional Mentoring Program will be held in April (date to be set). If you are a graduate of the WSU criminal justice program and work for a criminal justice agency in the metro Detroit area, please consider becoming a mentor for a current criminal justice student or students. If interested, please contact Eric Lambert at dz9258@wayne.edu

What questions would you like answered? E-mail your question to dz9258@wayne.edu.



FACULTY RESEARCH

FACULTY SABBATICALS

Sabbatical Report: Stack Compares Suicide by Cop in Film vs. Reality

Suicide by cop (SBC), provoking a police officer to kill you, is an uncommon but important event. It is among the most stressful encounters for officers. Given that the relatives of the deceased often believe that an unwarranted killing is being covered up as a SBC, it often is associated with strains in community-police relations.

The cinema is an important source of public information on social problems. To the extent that SBC is portrayed inaccurately in the movies, it can foster public misunderstandings of the event.

Stack and his research team reviewed all 19 empirical investigations of SBC to develop a profile of the average case: characteristics of the suicide victim, including demographics, psychiatric problems, stressful life events, as well as incident characteristics including number of persons killed by the offender before the SBC event, whether the event was planned or spontaneous, type of weapon used, and the location of the SBC event.

A database of 1,377 suicides in American feature films was accessed and 16 were found that contained a SBC. These included the film *Seven* (1995), where Kevin Spacey plays a serial killer who ultimately commits SBC (the cop being played by Brad Pitt) after he fulfills his goal to kill a person representing each of the seven sins.

The results indicated that film accurately portrayed the demographic characteristics of the suicide victim (e.g., 94% cases in film & 93% cases in society involved male victims, and both portray the victim as being in his mid-thirties). However, major differences were observed on motivations and incident characteristics. Importantly, 77% of

the film suicides had killed one or more individuals before the SBC event while this is true of only 7% of the real cases. In film, only 6% were depressed compared to 47% of cases in the real world. None of the cinematic cases had attempted suicide in the past, compared to 35% of real cases of SBC. Hence, the films can contribute to public misunderstandings of SBC. The cinematic representation overestimates by ten times the dangerousness of the SBC victims in terms of their having killed someone (77% vs. 7%). In that sense, the SBC event is seen as dealing out justice, a dangerous killer is killed. The cinema further legitimates SBC by downplaying or omitting reference to mental disturbances in the SBC victim.

Stack's article was recently published: Stack, S., Bowman, B., & Lester, D. 2012. "Suicide By Cop in Film & Society: Dangerousness, Depression and Justice." *Suicide & Life Threatening Behavior*, 42, 4, 359-376. The project was carried out during Stack's sabbatical leave.

Stack's other sabbatical leave projects, yielding published results, include three additional articles: in *J. of Epidemiology & Community Health* (2012), *Deviant Behavior* (2013), and another in *Suicide & Life Threatening Behavior* (2012). Five chapters were also written and are in press, two deal with large samples of suicide among professional athletes in film and society (Lester, D & Gunn, J. eds., 2013, *Suicide in Professional & Amateur Athletes*, Springfield, IL: Charles Thomas), one on the subculture of violence and suicide deaths using data in the National Mortality Follow Back Survey (Hayes, G. 2013, *The Psychology of Culture*, NY: Nova Science), another empirical paper showing that violence perpetration best differentiates black from

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and pressing that button. It took me a few years to figure that out but once I did, the information started to flow. Criminal informants live and work in a world we cannot easily penetrate. They conduct business with our targets, move in their social circles or participate in criminal activity with them. Sometimes they were, or still are, married to our target. They are on the inside and can talk about old crimes and future crimes. The bottom line is they have more valuable information about our target than we can ever hope to learn on our own. The trick is getting them to work with us and follow the rules.

Oftentimes law enforcement officers like to shortcut the process. Catch someone dirty and make them work it off. That can be useful but it's generally a one shot deal. Your best informants are like the gift that keeps on giving and require a whole different mentality by the law enforcement officer. You have to consider: what is it that I can provide this person to get them to open up? More times than not, the answer isn't money. Most of the time it's as simple as being a good listener and treating the informant as you would like to be treated, with **respect**. I can't stress that enough, treat your source with dignity! Leave the attitude at home.

When I was a young Sterling Heights detective, we arrested several guys who were tearing up our city with burglaries. After the arrest, we isolated them, and I was talking to one guy asking about the jobs they did. He was very surly and disrespectful to me until I told him I was a detective. For some reason that changed everything and he

suddenly became friendly and animated and stuck his hand out for me to shake. It was as if he had never met a detective and thought I was cool. Unfortunately I was still annoyed by his previous behavior so I just glared at him and ignored his proffered hand. He immediately sensed my superior attitude, withdrew his hand, folded his arms and sat down in a corner of the room and looked at the wall. I'd blown it. I immediately regretted what I did, but it was too late. A potentially valuable source had just dried up for good and information about his organization and the crimes they had committed remained unspoken. I had broken a cardinal rule by refusing to relate to him as a fellow human being. It was the last time I made that mistake.

In 1983 I was accepted into the FBI. It's true, the Bureau loves informants and every agent is required to develop them. I didn't like having informant development mandated but as long as it was, I decided not to waste my time with a lot of unproductive types but to focus on quality over quantity. I quickly noticed that while we were supposed to carry 2, 3, or 4 informants, the agents with one good informant were left alone, and eventually I landed a whopper.

In 1996, while working on the FBI Violent Crime Squad in Boston I was assigned to handle a break-in at the John Quincy Adams Library located in Quincy, Massachusetts.

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Four historically-significant, priceless manuscripts were taken from the library. The suspect cut a hole in the door with a saw, climbed in, scooped the books and exited in under 60 seconds. Since the library was federal property the case fell under our jurisdiction but I worked closely with Quincy detectives as well. We conducted interviews of neighbors and soon learned of a suspicious station wagon observed by a couple different people, but beyond that we were not having any luck. Shortly thereafter I was approached by an agent from the Organized Crime squad who told me that a guy who had been providing some low level information about mob activity wanted to talk to me about the burglary. It turned out he was in Concord prison which is a maximum security facility in Concord, Massachusetts (famous for purple grapes and “the shot heard around the world”). I was real busy with this investigation and other priority cases assigned to me and didn’t have time to waste in unproductive chit chat with a convict, but I grabbed a detective and drove up to the prison just the same.

At the prison I met Tony, and he was a sight. This guy was right out of Central Casting - skinny, suspicious, with numerous tattoos all up and down his arms (before they were fashionable) to cover the countless needle marks of a lifelong heroin addiction. He was doing this most recent bit for violating parole the last time he was on the streets. He had a really hard time staying off drugs while on parole which led to more crimes, which lead back to prison. This had been his circle of life for the past 20 years. I took a deep breath, put a smile on my face and

extended my hand and introduced myself. He accepted it, didn’t smile, and shuffled to a seat. I told him I appreciated the fact that he made the effort to get in touch with me and I was anxious to hear what he had to say. After fifteen minutes of small talk I was beginning to think “dry hole” when Tony grinned and finally said, “I like you, and I’m going to tell you who broke into that library.” He did tell me, and what he told me that day cracked the case. Based on the information Tony provided, we located and arrested Kevin Gildea of Quincy, Massachusetts and recovered all of the missing manuscripts. It was a big deal in the press and with the US Park Service, who were responsible for operating and securing the contents of the library. The FBI and Quincy Police Department looked pretty sharp as well.

I made a second trip back to Concord prison and met with Tony to give him the good news personally and to thank him for what he did. Tony was pleased and let me in on a little secret. When we first met he wasn’t planning to tell me about Kevin Gildea unless I passed muster. He didn’t want any favors or help. The fact was, he didn’t care for Kevin Gildea and had no problem giving him up but wasn’t going to do it unless he liked the way I treated him. Tony had a tough upbringing. His dad was a mob associate and used the back room of his car repair business as a La Costa Nostra drinking club. Tony rubbed elbows with some of the elite members, and when his life path lead to prison he had some powerful friends on the inside.

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into the community to make a difference. Many Criminal Justice alumni work hard each day to make our communities a better place for all. I tip my hat to them for a hard job well done. If you are a graduate of the program, please stay in touch with the Department. If you know other graduates of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program, please encourage them to stay in contact with the Department.

The Criminal Justice faculty members have also been busy with their research. In the past academic year, the faculty have published several dozen articles in a wide array of peer-reviewed and competitive journals. In addition, numerous book chapters have been published as well. These are impressive accomplishments. The goal of the faculty is to conduct cutting-edge, high quality research that will ultimately improve the field of Criminal Justice and make a difference in the lives of others. I can attest to the fact that is being accomplished by the faculty members. I encourage you to read the works published by the Criminal Justice faculty. You will agree with me that their research is cutting edge and adds value to the field of Criminal Justice.

I am sorry to report that Professor Irshad Altheimer left the Department this the summer for a faculty position at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. We miss him. He was a great teacher and a wonderful colleague.

Since arriving in the Department in July of 2008, I have had the opportunity to meet many alumni of the program. I am impressed with the caliber of the alumni of the program. They work hard to make a difference in their communities. Many have risen to top administrative positions. I can honestly state that one of my greatest joys is when Criminal Justice alumni succeed in their chosen careers. One outstanding example is former Macomb County Sheriff, current Macomb County Executive, and Wayne State University Criminal Justice alumnus, Mark Hackel, who was presented with a Collegian Award at the sixth annual Wayne State University Collegian Awards on Wednesday, Oct. 24. The Collegian awards recognize outstanding alumni and community

leaders for their individual achievements, contributions to their fields and service to their community. Macomb Executive County Commissioner Hackel also teaches for Wayne's undergraduate Criminal Justice program through the Macomb Educational Center.

As I indicated in the last newsletter, one of the goals of the Department is to build stronger ties and bonds with our students and alumni. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit the Department and to visit our web site at <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/CRJ/>. Please feel free to send me updates about what is happening in your life or information that you feel would be important to current students and/or alumni. You can send me the information at dz9258@wayne.edu. Not only do I want to hear from you, I am sure that your fellow students and alumni would like to hear from you and any new developments in your life. As I'm sure you have noticed, we try to include a short article written by a Wayne State University Criminal Justice alum in every issue of this newsletter.

As I indicated in the last newsletter, in order to help connect with alumni and the community, the Department launched the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board. The Board meets twice a year. All the members of the Board are alumni of the Wayne State Criminal Justice program. We are trying to sign up new members. The Board has set three major objectives for the upcoming year, fundraising, community outreach, and alumni development. Committees have been formed for each of the areas.

The Fundraising Committee is chaired by Angie Kiger, a graduate of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program. The fundraising committee is working to raise donations for scholarships for Criminal Justice students. The goal of the fundraising committee is to create two endowed Criminal Justice scholarships, one for undergraduate students and the other for graduate students.

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The trouble was, “the family” wasn’t like the Partridge Family and these “friends” eventually showed their true colors. During the brief times between prison sentences, they used Tony and his wife for all they were worth. Keeping them high and in line suited their own purposes, but as it turned out, Tony found someone in law enforcement who he actually trusted, and that trust was about to result in bigger dividends.

Tony eventually earned parole again and was sent to a halfway house in Boston. Tony was a master mechanic by trade and landed a job with an old time “friend” at TRC Auto Electric, which was located in the tough Dorchester section of Boston. He went to work for Carmello Merlino aka “Mello”. Mello was a charter member of the men’s club that met in the back of Tony’s dad’s auto repair shop. Mello ran TRC Auto Electric as a cover. His real vocation was being an armored car robber, drug dealer, strong-arm guy, anything-for-a-buck criminal who literally knew where the bodies were buried. Unlike Tony, Mello was off parole and commanded a crew of guys who shared his criminal past. Tony knew Mello his whole life and secretly hated his guts, but to his face Tony was the ever subservient follower.

One day Tony asked me to meet him at a ball field down the street from the halfway house. He asked if I knew Mello. I said no but was listening. He explained his past with Mello and how Mello used Tony’s wife as a drug mule and kept Tony on a short leash. He told me he was ready to cut the leash. Mello was planning to rob the Loomis Fargo vault facility outside Boston. That’s where the cash used by armored trucks is

kept - essentially, the mother lode. Mello wanted Tony or his wife to provide someone with a clean criminal record, who could get a job inside the facility and eventually help Mello and his crew rob the place. Tony told me Mello had cased the facility and had the robbery all planned out, but he still needed the most important element, an inside man.

Tony said that if I was interested in this information, he would keep chatting it up with Mello. I was very interested. I told Tony to keep me posted, and I’d try to think of a way to provide the “inside guy” for a classic sting operation. The one downside to this was the fact that if I provided an FBI undercover agent as the inside person, Tony would have to actually introduce him to Mello. When everything finally came down Tony would be in big trouble with Mello and his friends. He would have to go into the Witness Security (WITSEC) program. Of course Tony wasn’t crazy about going into WITSEC so this whole plan lingered for almost a year. Eventually I told Tony I’d have to close the case if he wasn’t willing to introduce the undercover agent, but if he did he would still have to go into WITSEC for the rest of his life and never return to Boston.

By this time I had a good relationship with Tony. He knew he could believe me and trust me and I felt he would hold up his end as well. After thinking about it for a month he called me for a meeting. He told me he had decided to go for it. He would introduce an undercover agent to Mello.

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As I have said many times, a key goal of the Department and one of my major goals is to increase amount of scholarship funds available for Criminal Justice students. I hope that you will give to the Criminal Justice scholarship account. All donations will be used to provide scholarships for Criminal Justice students. There is a great demand among our students for financial support. Your donation will make a positive difference in the lives of Criminal Justice students! I also ask that you let other Criminal Justice alumni know about the effort to raise scholarship funds for students. In this newsletter you will find information on how to make a donation. Working together, we can raise funds to help students pursue their education. Your generosity will help students and make a positive impact in their lives.

The Development Committee is co-chaired by LaSondra Dawn and Jeff Abood, both graduates of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program. The development committee developed a professional and career mentoring program for current students interested in careers in the field of Criminal Justice. After running the program for just freshmen last year, the mentoring program was opened up to all Criminal Justice students in the 2011/2012 academic year. The Criminal Justice Mentoring program was pleased to have had 10 mentors and 23 student mentees participating this past academic year. The development committee worked hard and launched the mentoring program for the 2012/2013 academic year. The 2012/2013 professional mentoring program takes place from October 2012 to April 2013. This year there are 23 students and 13 mentors in the program. I thank the mentors for taking the time and effort to help students, who often let me know how much they appreciate their mentor and what a difference it makes. You ask, how does the program work? The mentor meets with the students twice a month and addresses professional and career issues for the students. A kick-off reception took place in October 2012. There will be a wrap up event in April 2013. Due to the growth of the program, mentors are urgently needed for the 2013/2014 academic year. Alumni working in the field of Criminal Justice in the Metro Detroit area who are willing to be a mentor,

please contact me at dz9258@wayne.edu. The development committee is also actively seeking new members. If you are interested, please let me know. Volunteering your time to help others who need help has rewards beyond compensation. As the old adage goes, "Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." I welcome Lisa Marshall as a new member of the committee. Ms. Marshall is a dedicated member of the committee and a graduate of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program.

The outreach committee is chaired by me. This committee sponsored last year a community forum entitled "The Michigan Sex Offender Registry and What It Means to You." One of the goals of this community is to sponsor events to help the community and to create stronger bonds between the Department and the community. The committee is looking for ideas for future events. If you have any ideas, please let me know. Moreover, this committee needs additional committee members. If you are a graduate of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program, please strongly consider joining this committee and contact me at dz9258@wayne.edu.

I commend and thank all the individuals who volunteer their time and efforts on these three committees. Because of them, the Department has done many new and innovating things. Often service is time consuming and thankless. I can hopefully change the latter. Please join me in a chorus of thank yous to the members of these committees for their service. Without them, the above mentioned efforts probably would have not occurred.

Again, if you would like to join one of these committees, please let me know. The Chair position of the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board is open. It was previously held by Delores Jones, Wayne State University Criminal Justice graduate.

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Needless to say I was very pleased but Tony had to understand everything involved. The undercover agent (UCA) would be introduced to Mello by Tony. The UCA would wear a body recorder whenever he met with Mello or his crew and would record all conversations. In the event the UCA was not accepted by Mello, Tony would have to wear the recorder instead. Tony listened, thought about it and, agreed to do it. With that decision Tony had graduated from being an FBI informant to becoming a Cooperating Federal Witness.

I set up a major undercover case and found my UCA. The story Tony was going to pitch to Mello was that “Dave” (the UCA) was a former boyfriend of Tony’s sister. Dave had moved away years ago but just recently returned to the Boston area and, miraculously, was working in the Loomis Fargo facility! Tony would tell Mello that he hooked up with Dave and after a number of meetings Dave agreed to be part of the robbery as the inside set-up man. According to Dave, there were only two guards in the facility on Sunday mornings, and the guard Dave worked with was not willing to cause any trouble if the place was ever taken over. They weren’t going to die for someone else’s money.

Listening to this story now you are probably asking yourself what kind of idiot would fall for this lame pitch. The answer is someone who wants to believe it and trusts the source. Mello was no fool, but he bit immediately. Very few people in this world could make this sound credible to Mello but Tony knew that given their past experiences together, he was one of them.

We were ready to start our sting and the first conversation between Tony and Mello had to be recorded by Tony. It was a highly stressful meeting because Tony never wore a recorder before and he also knew that if Mello became suspicious, he may not leave TRC Auto Electric alive. Another agent and I met Tony 45 minutes before he was to open the shop. I got him in the back seat of our car and told him to remove his shirt. I pulled out the Nagra recorder and Tony almost bolted. He looked at it and exclaimed, “What is that thing, a **refrigerator**?” The Nagra was a very reliable, reel to reel tape recorder of the highest quality but was admittedly a *little* bulky. It had to be strapped to the body with a large elastic band. Eventually he calmed down and with the recorder in the small of his back headed off to work. My parting advice was, “Just forget about the kitchen appliance on your back and act natural.”

At the time of the conversation Tony and Mello were alone in the garage, and the basement in TRC was a dungeon, the perfect place to deal with a traitor. As it turned out he managed to act natural and the recording was the most compelling piece of evidence at trial. Tony simply told Mello about Dave and said he needed Mello’s help pulling it off. At that point Mello took over the conversation explaining in great detail how he already planned this job and how he was going to run it. Tony did what a human tape recorder should do by staying quiet and letting Mello sink himself with his own words.

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After volunteering her time and efforts for three years, she stepped down in order to become a member of the alumni group for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I can honestly state Ms. Jones' enthusiasm and dedication are infectious. Even time I meet and interact with Ms. Jones, I come away energized and eager to take on tasks designed to enhance the educational learning of students and to create stronger bonds between the Department and the alumni and the community. I deeply thank her for this and all her support of the Department and Wayne State University Criminal Justice students. If you see Ms. Jones, please thank her as well. Ms. Jones went up and beyond the call of duty as the Chair of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board. Please join me in telling her a job well done and wishing her continued success on the College Board. If you would like to be become the Chair if the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board, please send me an e-mail. Your service on as Chair of this committee will make a difference to current students, alumni, and the department.

As indicated in the last newsletter, a new service center has been created to provide service to both the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Criminal Justice. Debra Mazur and Uzma Khan are the two staff members who work in this service center. Both are highly dedicated professionals and have done a good job. Marianka Holloway has been busy as the Department's Academic Service Officer, including providing advising to students majoring in Criminal Justice.

In my short time at the Department, I have been impressed with the faculty, the students, donors, and the alumni. I have also enjoyed myself getting to know students, alumni, staff, and faculty.

Again, welcome to the 2012 Summer/Fall newsletter for the Department of Criminal Justice at Wayne State University. I also invite you to become more active in helping the program strive to become even better. Your participation and support make a difference, especially in the lives of our students. Working together we can build a better tomorrow for our stu-

dents, alumni, and our community. I wish you and your loved ones the best wishes for the holiday season. May your new year be filled with joy and peace. Please stay in touch!

Have a Great Winter and may your New Year be willed with joy, peace, and good fortune!

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After hearing about Dave, Mello held his hand up and told Tony that he (Mello) was never going to meet Dave. Mello reasoned that since he didn't know Dave, he couldn't trust him. All future planning and discussion was going to be between Mello and Tony and any contact with Dave was going to be through Tony exclusively. Of course this development put Tony in a tough spot. Going forward he would be required to record all conversations as Dave was now out of the picture.

We were extremely pleased with the first recording as it proved Tony was telling the truth about Mello and Mello's reaction eliminated any possible entrapment defense. He was clearly ready, willing, and able to run this operation just as he had run Tony his whole life. That said, I sat Tony down with the Assistant US Attorney in charge of prosecuting the case. Together we explained that it wasn't too late to pull the plug on this operation if Tony didn't feel up to making all the recordings going forward. Nobody could guarantee his safety, especially if Mello became suspicious and no one would blame him if he walked out. There was no safety net. Tony had to have the ability to pull this off on his own. If things went badly, the first I'd know about it would be when Tony failed to show up to deliver his tape recordings and chances are we would never find his body. Tony looked at us and said, "Hell, with sweet talk like that, how can a girl possibly say no?" That broke the tension, and we all had a big laugh.

Despite the doomsday talk Tony was confident that he could go the distance, and that's exactly what he did. For the next ten weeks he made dozens of recordings including one blockbuster with Mello, and the other members of Mello's crew. They discussed, in detail, how they were going to pull off the robbery. They discussed how experienced they were at this type of crime and how they were prepared to shoot their way out of any attempt by the police to stop them.

One of the conspirators confided that he had a special surprise, a military fragmentation hand grenade that he was going to throw at any cop that got in the way of their escape!

So, this merry band of killers continued fat, dumb, and happy down the path of self-destruction until the final act, which didn't come a minute too soon. By this time Tony was so stressed out by the tension of living a double life where one slip of the tongue, one momentary mental lapse, would signal an alarm bell in Mello's mind resulting in Tony's mind decorating the basement wall in TRC. We decided it was time to bring things to a close.

Very early on Sunday morning February 7th, 1999, the conspirators showed up one at a time at TRC where they expected to embark upon an adventure resulting in the payday to end all paydays. They were anticipating becoming millionaires and mob legends in a few short hours but, in fact, that morning they ended up as federal prisoners. That same morning Tony began his new life.

After the arrests, a search of one of their vehicles revealed numerous handguns, long guns, masks, radios, handcuffs, change of clothes and most damning, a live hand grenade. They were not fooling around and the US District Judge didn't fool around either. After a long and bruising trial involving four defense attorneys and where the key witness was Tony, ultimately the four defendants were found guilty on all counts and received federal prison sentences of approximately 50 years each; a sentence Mello was unable to live out.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

I extend my congratulations to the following individuals who graduated or applied for graduation for a Master or Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at the completion of the Summer and Fall 2012 semesters. Earning the degree is a major accomplishment. It takes hard work and dedication. I welcome each and every graduate to the ranks of the criminal justice alumni. The faculty, staff, and I look forward to working with all of you to build stronger ties between the department and our distinguished alumni. Eric Lambert, Professor and Chair, Department of Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Master of Science Graduates and Applicants

Mikyia Aaron	Khari Hatchett	Jiebing Wen	Billy Williams
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Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science Graduates and Applicants

Mostafa Ahmed	Michael Ajami	Summi Akther	Jinan Ayoub
Priscilla Ayres	Lydia Banks	Donna Barkho	Karla Beard
Lucianne Beckon	William Bennett	Richard Blanchard III	Chanese Brown
Kiara Brundidge	Nicole Bunch	Taniesha Burkes	Phalen Camp
Latanya Cato	Meriam Choulagh	Antonio Coats	Elaine Cox
Gwendolyn Crawford	Taneisha Cross	Jason Cupples	Krystal Cyars
Dragana Derlic	Matthew Dolengowski	Akgoneste Elliott	Joanna Emler
Felisia Frazier	Gloria Gaines-Hanna	Jane Harris	Shireta Harris
Kimberki Hoze	Jeffrey James	Thomas Janiak	Jonathon Johnson
Lawrence Johnson	Darrell Joseph	Andrew Krebs	Erald Krisafi
Stephanie Lajdziak	Tonya Leonard	Andrea Logan	Nicholas Lupo
Harpreet Mahal	Dominique Manuel	Karen Marroquin	Zana Marrugi
Timothy McClintock	Patrick McCormick	Timothy McCormick	LaToya McMickel
Monique Micallef	David Mispelon	Teal Mitchell	Ahmed Morsy
Mytecia Myles	Samantha Rager	Mark Rajt, Jr.	Elwanza Randolph
Sady Razo	Catherine Robinson	Edward Sanders	Neli Sarova
Nathaniel Schick	Thomas Schmelzer	Marc Smale	Brittney Smith
Casey Stiteler	Rachel Stocker	Kevin Tatulyan	Lauren Waldowski
Brandon Woodward			

Congratulations!



TO CRJ ALUMNI—A JOB WELL DONE!

Since arriving in the Department in July of 2008, I have had the opportunity to meet many alumni of the program. I am impressed with the caliber of the alumni of the program. They work hard to make a difference in their communities. Many have risen to top administrative positions. I can honestly state that one of my joys is when Criminal Justice alumni succeed in their chosen careers.

As I indicated in the last newsletter, in order to help connect with alumni and the community, the Department launched last year the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board. The Board meets three times a year. The Board has set three major objectives for the upcoming year: fundraising, community outreach, and alumni development. Subcommittees have been formed for each of these areas. The subcommittee members are all alumni of the Criminal Justice program. They have already met once and will meet again soon. If you would like to join one of these subcommittees, please let me know. My e-mail again is dz9258@wayne.edu. The Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board is open. I am currently serving as Interim Chair of the Board. If you would like to join the Board, including being Chair, please send me an e-mail at dz9258@wayne.edu.

Eric Lambert, Professor and Chair

Giving to the Criminal Justice Scholarship Fund

One of the goals of the Department and its Chair, Eric Lambert, is to increase the amount of scholarship funds available for criminal justice students.

Please consider a donation to the Criminal Justice Scholarship Fund. All donations will be used to provide scholarships for criminal justice students. There is a great demand among our students for financial support. Your donation will make a positive difference in the lives of criminal justice students!

Please let other Criminal Justice alumni know about the effort to raise scholarship funds for students.

In this newsletter you will find information on how to make a donation.

Working together, we can raise funds to help students pursue their education.

Some universities prepare students for graduation. We prepare students for life.

I would like to make a donation supporting Wayne State University's Criminal Justice Dept.

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THANK YOU CRIMINAL JUSTICE DONORS (SUMMER TO NOVEMBER 2012)

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Criminal Justice Department offers a number of small scholarships for CJ Master's students (up to \$750 each). The money for these scholarships is provided by donations from alumni, faculty and staff of the Department of Criminal Justice.

Our 2012/2013 Criminal Justice Scholarships were awarded to the following students:: Nadia Andreikiv, Robyn Gonte, Darren Johnson, Nicole Losiowski, Justin Parvin, Elizabeth Pearce, Alesia Sibrel, Nicole White, Jessica Wummel,

One of the goals of the Department (and the department chair) is to build stronger ties and bonds with our students and alumni. Please visit the Department and visit our web site at <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/CRJ>. Please feel free to send updates about what is happening in your life or information that you feel would be important to current students and/or alumni. You can send the information to dz9258@wayne.edu. We want to hear from you, as well as your fellow students and alumni.

Alumni News and Information for Future Newsletters

We're interested in what you're doing now. Please take a moment to complete the following information and return it to us via fax, e-mail or US mail:

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Name _____

Year of Graduation _____

Degree _____

Your news _____

From the Editor:

Dear Reader,

I hope you enjoyed reading this edition of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice newsletter. I thank all the people who contributed articles to this edition and for those who helped assemble the newsletter. Without their hard work, this newsletter would not be possible. I am impressed with the dedication of the alumni, current students, faculty, and staff. It gives me pause to be thankful to be a member of such a great program.

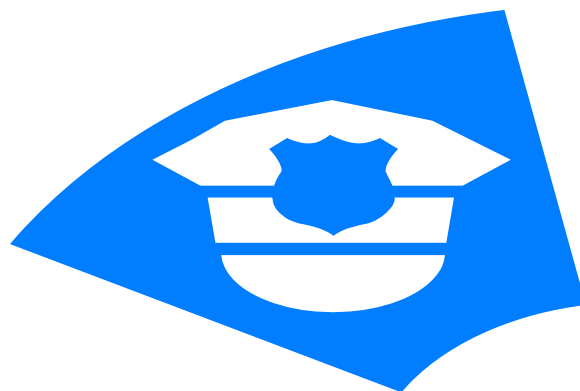
I ask that you become more involved with the department. There are numerous ways you can become involved, such as writing an article for a future edition of the newsletter, volunteering to serve on one of the alumni committees, volunteering to be a career/professional mentor for criminal justice students, or making a donation to the Criminal Justice student scholarship. You can make a difference!

I wish you and your loved one's the very best for the holidays and the New Year. I am looking to working with you in 2013 to make the community a better place for all. Eric Lambert, Professor and Chair

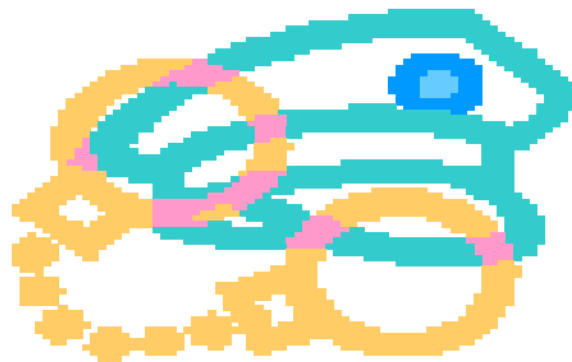
INFORMANT DEVELOPMENT —BY DAVID NADOLSKI CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

To this day, no Boston FBI cooperating witness has surpassed the accomplishments achieved in this case. Tony is unable to live a normal life under his true identity. He can't return to his home as he is still a mob target and a pariah in the world he grew up in. Despite all that, he has no regrets and recognizes the contribution he made by removing extremely dangerous people from society. When all was said and done he learned how to live without drugs and for many years now has been clean and sober. The great accomplishments achieved in this case were the result of an excellent informant who was properly motivated, and it all boiled down to someone in law enforcement treating him with the dignity and respect he longed for in life.

By David T. Nadolski
Retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation



**From all the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Faculty and Staff, the best and warmest wishes for you and your loved ones for the holiday season. We hope that your New Year is all that you hoped for and more. We are looking forward to working with everyone in 2013
Season's Greetings!**



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white suicides, using data from the National Violent Death Reporting System (2013, in Gotsiridze-Columbus, N. , 2013, *African American Perspectives, Family Dynamics, Health Care Issues & Role of Ethnic Minorities*, NY: Nova Science, and a chapter reviewing work on suicide & mental illness for *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior & Society* edited by William Cockerham).

Stack served on two dissertation committees: one completed dissertation at the new School for Social Research. Stack will travel to the University of Stockholm as the outside reader or "opponent" for a dissertation defense in 2013. He also continued his service to the profession which included 3 days on a federal grant review panel in Atlanta, Centers for Disease Control, which recommended \$18 million in funding for violence research, and reviewing 27 manuscripts for professional journals.

Stack is grateful for an appointment as a visiting scholar at the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan during his sabbatical leave, Winter 2012.

By Steven Stack



TEXTBOOK OUT CO-AUTHORED BY BRAD SMITH

Associate Professor Brad Smith is a coauthor on the textbook *Police & Society*, 5th edition. The text is a comprehensive examination of policing in the United States. It includes a description and analysis of the process of policing, from police behavior and organization to operations and historical perspectives. The text is organized around the changing nature of the relationship between the police and the community.



JENNIFER WAREHAM WILL BE ON SABBATICAL

Professor Jennifer Wareham has been granted a sabbatical for the Winter 2013 semester. She will be studying the heterogeneity of self-control and its link to delinquency and crime . This is a central question in the etiology of crime.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIPS PAY OFF BY MARIANKA HOLLOWAY

The Criminal Justice Internship Program (CJIP) is alive and doing quite well. The recent success of the CJIP can only be attributed to the direction and leadership of Eric Lambert, professor and chair for the Department of Criminal Justice. He has increased the number of internship opportunities by networking with various criminal justice agencies and has increased the number of students who complete internships by improved communication with criminal justice majors.

In the last several years, many WSU undergraduate students majoring in Criminal Justice have successfully interned at various criminal justice agencies throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Criminal justice students interned with a variety of agencies, including but not limited to the United States Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Marshals Service, and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

A commonly asked question is "Why intern?" Most students consider pursuing an internship position in the criminal justice field because they have come to realize that learning outside of the classroom is an essential component of their education. Still, many students seem to be unaware of the academic, personal, and professional advantages of an internship and how working as a student intern can help clarify their career goals.

"Criminal Justice internships serve many purposes. They provide students with insight into the day-to-day operations of a criminal justice professional agency "Criminal Justice internships serve many purposes. They provide students with insight into the day-to-day operations of a criminal justice professional agency (Cromwell, P., Foreword for *Jumpstarting Your Career: An Internship Guide for Criminal Justice*, Prentice-Hall, 1999).

Over the years, we have had many graduates of our program go on to productive careers after having the opportunity "to prove themselves" in an internship position. In fact, one of our recent criminal justice graduates was able to use his internship experience to assist him in securing a position as a Special Agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, otherwise known as ICE. Another student, expected to complete his B.S. in Criminal Justice in December 2012, interned with the U.S. Marshals Service last summer and is well on his way to becoming a U.S. Deputy Marshal upon graduation.

We also received an e-mail from an alumna of our undergraduate program who began the application process for the FBI when she graduated several years ago, and was only just recently hired. Yes, it took her a couple of years, but with patience and persistence, she is now beginning the career she worked so hard to achieve. She asked that we let students and alumni know that if they're serious about a career in federal law enforcement to not give up. It may take longer than one would expect, but the wait is worth it.

Marianka Holloway, Academic Service Officer and Criminal Justice Advisor



STUDENT INFORMATION

For current students, remember Winter 2013 classes at Wayne State University start on January 7, 2013. For those who will graduate at the end of the Winter 2013 semester, the deadline for applying for graduation is February 8, 2013. Spring break is from March 11 to 16, 2013. The last day to withdraw is March 23, 2013. Commencement is on May 9, 2013. For those who will graduate in May, congratulations. Your dedication and hard work has paid off. It is a major accomplishment to earn a college degree.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Marianka Holloway
Academic Advisor

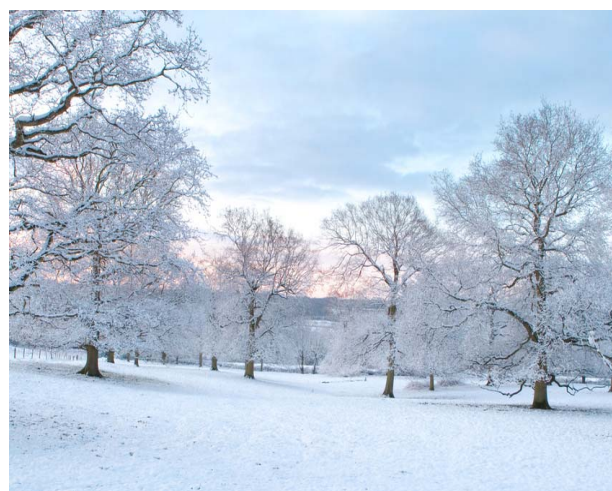


Says hello and reminds current students if they have a question about their academic criminal justice requirements to call her to schedule an appointment. Her telephone number is 313-577-0772

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

I hope everyone has a wonderful time for the winter and spring, and I hope 2013 is magnificent year filled with tranquility, happiness, and good fortune for you and your loved ones.

Eric Lambert



What questions would you like answered? E-mail your question to dz9258@wayne.edu.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Mark Hackel is a Recipient of a 2012 Collegiate Award

The Department of Criminal Justice congratulates Mark Hackel for receiving a 2012 Collegiate Award from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Wayne State University. Mr. Hackel is a graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program and is currently the Executive County Commissioner for Macomb County. Additionally, Mr. Hackel is also a part-time faculty professor with the Department of Criminal Justice. The purpose of the Collegian Awards is to recognize outstanding alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industries or professions, and service to their community. As indicated on the nomination form, "Mark Hackel started a career in law enforcement as a dispatcher with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. He worked in numerous positions and worked his way up the ranks in the Sheriff's Department. In 2000, he was elected Sheriff of Macomb County, the third most populated county in Michigan. He helped change the Sheriff's Department into a proactive and community engaged organization. In November 2010, he was elected the first-ever County Executive for Macomb County. He is accountable, accessible, and a passionate advocate for the community. Mark Hackel is truly committed to helping others and making the community a better place for everyone."



Timothy Wiley is the Recipient of the Tracy Minnella Domestic Violence Award

The Department of Criminal Justice congratulates Timothy Wiley for receiving the Tracy Minnella Award. This award is given every year by the Macomb Community Domestic Violence Council in recognition of leadership, dedication and concern in the support of survivors and victims of domestic violence. Award winners are individuals or organizations in the community who has made significant contributions for survivors of domestic violence. In 2002 the MCDVC renamed the Domestic Violence Appreciation Award the Tracy Minnella Award in remembrance of Tracy Minnella, a Macomb County woman who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend. Mr. Wiley is the Chief for the New Baltimore Police Department. He is also a part-time instructor for the Department of Criminal Justice, who teaches several courses including one on domestic violence. Mr. Wiley is an integral member of the domestic violence task force.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Happy Holidays and Season Greetings from the Wayne State Criminal Justice Club!

The Club has been active with meetings in Fall 2012 semester. We are always looking for new members, so feel free to stop in on one of our meetings or events. The club is open to all Majors.

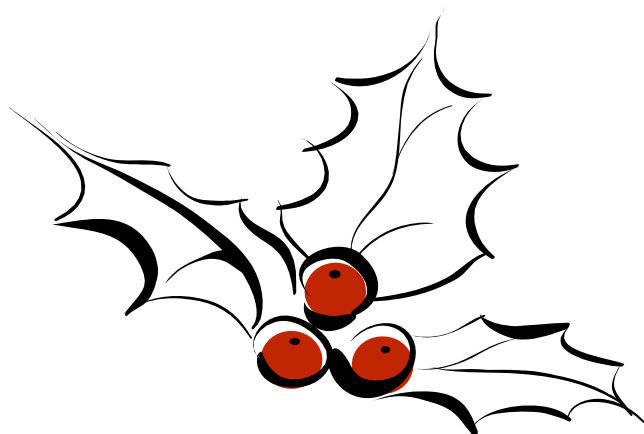
Meetings for the winter 2013 semester will be announced sometime in early January 2013.

Current Officers of the Criminal Justice Club are Sharde Jones-President, Brenda Peralles-Secretary, Calvin Maxie-Treasurer and Sady Razo-Outreach.

We are looking to fill our Vice President position, which currently is open. If you are interested, please review the following qualifications:

- 2.5 G.P.A
- Enrolled in at least 6 or more credits
- Junior/Senior status
- Criminal Justice Declared Major
- Submit a personal statement
- Scheduled Interview with Officers

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CJ MENTORS

As I noted in my message from the chair article, the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board oversees a professional mentoring program for interested students. This program is to provide career mentoring for students. I commend and deeply thank the following professionals for volunteering their time and efforts to be professional mentors for 23 students in the 2012/2013 academic year. Their willingness to help others is deeply appreciated by the Department and makes a positive difference in the lives of students.

Jeff Abood	Charles Castle
Alanna Coronado	James Davis
Issa Haddad	Delores Jones
Angie Kiger	Lisa Marshall
Kirk McVittie	Darrick Muhammad
John Ridley	Kevin Rose
Matthew Schultz	

CJ ALUMNI JEFF ABOOD NAMED ONE OF DETROIT'S BEST DRESSED

Jeff Abood made the Hour Detroit's Best Dressed. Mr. Abood graduated from the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program and is practicing attorney. He also serves as the co-chair of the committee which oversees the professional development program for Wayne State University students interested in criminal justice careers, as well as serving as a professional mentor (see the above article).

FACULTY

Thomas Kelley – Associate Professor. His teaching and research areas are Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, Child Abuse and Neglect, Correctional Counseling Methods, and Positive Psychology in the Field of Criminal Justice.

Charles Klahm – Assistant Professor. His teaching and research areas are Politics and Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Theories, and Police and Society.

Eric Lambert – Professor and Department Chair. His teaching and research areas are Corrections, Death Penalty, Criminal Justice Attitudes and Views, and Organizational Effects on Criminal Justice Performance Outcomes

Joseph Rankin – Professor and Associate Vice President. His teaching and research areas are Families and Crime, Campus Crime, Social Control, and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.

Brad Smith – Associate Professor. His teaching and research areas are Policing and Society, Police Brutality, Perceptions of the Police, and Community Policing.

Steven Stack – Professor. His teaching and research areas are Interdisciplinary Analysis of Suicidal Behavior and Attitudes, Deviant Behavior, and Death Penalty/Homicide.

Jennifer Wareham – Associate Professor. Her teaching and research areas are Criminal Justice Research Methods, Quantitative Analysis of Criminal Justice Issues, Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Corrections, GIS Applications in the Field of Criminal Justice, and Ecological Causes of Crime.

Yuning Wu – Assistant Professor. Her teaching and research areas are Police, Citizen Evaluation of Criminal Justice, Comparative/International Criminal Justice, and Criminology

Marvin Zalman – Professor. His teaching and research interests are Criminal Justice Policy, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, and Wrongful Conviction. He also serves on the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board and is the Criminal Justice Liaison for the Department.

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Marianka Holloway – Academic Services Officer and Criminal Justice Advisor

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