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## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWS**

A Newsletter from the Department of Criminal Justice for its Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Staff

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR—ERIC LAMBERT



Greetings! Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2013 edition of the newsletter for the Department of Criminal Justice at Wayne State University.

The Winter semester has been, and Spring/ Summer 2013 semesters is turning out to be. both busy and productive. The faculty and staff have continued to work hard in order to provide a quality learning experience for students. More than 45 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 University, the department is excited to offer several courses each semester in the undergraduate program at the Macomb Educational Center campus. If you know of potential students for the Criminal Justice program at either campus, please have them contact me. We are always looking for people interested in studying the field of CJ. It is a dynamic and

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## GETTING TO KNOW ALICIA ORTEZ, THE NEW ADVISOR



I am thrilled to be an academic advisor in Criminal Justice here at Wayne State. I attended Eastern Michigan University for my graduate degree (counseling) and my undergrad degree at the University of Michigan (psychology and women's studies). I ended up staying in the Ann Arbor area after graduating. I operated heavy equipment (dozers, earthmovers, trucks) for the City of Ann Arbor. I have worked for Washtenaw County Community Mental Health. I have worked with various stu-

dent populations as a career counselor and as academic counselor. Most recently I was an academic counselor/learning specialist for the University of Michigan Athletic Department. I feel as though I have come home to work since I grew up about a mile or so from here between the old Tiger Stadium and the Old Train Station on Vernor by Roosevelt Park. I love coming to work every day because I want to make a positive impact on those with whom I work. I had a lot of support from a couple of people who helped me get into college and I really feel that I would not have attended college

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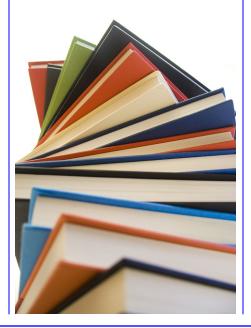
## WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACULTY CORNER

Research: Professor Stack Paper Presented at an International Conference

By Steven Stack, Ph.D.
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Professor Steven Stack presented a paper on movies and suicidality at a conference in Stockholm. Specifically, he presented a paper at the recent International Symposium on Media & Suicide, held on April 11-12, 2013, at the University of Stockholm, Sweden. The title of the paper was "The Effect of Cumulative, Voluntary Exposure to Suicide Movies on Reported Suicide Attempts: An Application of the Beach Method." In the paper, it was noted that past research on the impact of exposure to suicide movies on suicidality has been marked by three limitations of: (1) aggregate data subject to the ecological fallacy; (2) exposure to a single movie; and (3) relative lack of controls for psychological states and social factors linked to suicide. The study conducted by Professor Stack attempted to address these gaps.

His study followed a modified Beach method and assessed the impact of cumulative, voluntary exposure to suicide movies on suicide attempts. Professor Stack's study consisted of 260 undergraduates at a U.S. university in the Midwest. The dependent variable was a previous suicide attempt. Cumulative exposure to suicide movies was based on self reports. Controls used in his study included religiosity. depression, burdensomeness, and demographic characteristics. In a multivariate logistic regression analysis, it was found that controlling for other predictors,



the risk of attempted suicide increased by 48%. A qualitative analysis was done to see which movies best differentiated the suicide attempters from those who had not attempted suicide. For example, one of the movies examined was Last Days (2005), a portrayal of the suicide of Kurt Cobain, of Nirvana. Kurt Cobain took his own life on April 8, 1994. The study by Professor Stack was an innovative investigation looking at the link between cumulative, voluntary exposure to suicide movies on suicide attempts. Professor Stack concluded that the results from this study were consistent with related investigations of cinematic impacts on other behaviors, including smoking initiation and alcohol abuse. After his presentation at the conference, Dr. Danuta Wasserman, President of the European Psychiatric Association, hosted a dinner for Professor Stack and the other featured speakers, at the Swedish Medical Society. The paper that resulted from the study was coauthored with Barbara Bowman, Michael Kral, and Teresa Borowski, and it will be published later this year in Sociological Focus.

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## **Professor Zalman Receives Prestigious Award**

Professor Marvin Zalman recently received a very prestigious award. He received the School of Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumni Award from the University at Albany, State University of New York. The School of Criminal Justice has a well-regarded doctoral program in Criminal Justice. Professor Zalman is a graduate of this program. Each year, the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany selects two alumni whose distinguished careers merit special recognition. He was honored at the School of Criminal Justice's graduate recognition ceremony on May 19,

2013, in Albany, New York. At this ceremony, Professor Zalman delivered the distinguished alumni address. In addition, he received a medallion for his distinguished career in the field of Criminal Justice. As noted in the invitation letter to Professor Zalman for this award, "we are proud of your [Professor Zalman] career accomplishments. which reflect so brightly on the School [of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany]." The Wayne State University Department of Criminal Justice congratulates Professor Zalman for receiving this prestigious award and commends him on his excellent work in the field of Criminal Justice. We wish him continued success in his research and as a college professor.

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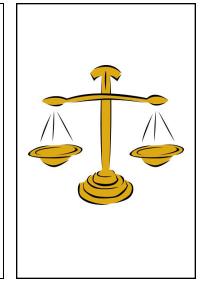
Below is a picture of Professor Zalman [in the middle] wearing the distinguished medallion alumni from the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany. To his left is his wife, Greta Zalman. To his right is Professor Alan Lizotte, Dean of the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany, State University of New York



#### **COMING SOON**

A Mentoring Kick-Off Meeting in October 2013

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

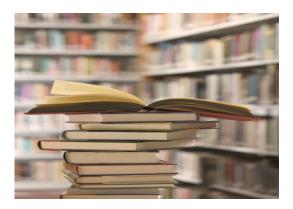


## Departmental Updates

#### FACULTY SABBATICALS

Professor Jennifer Wareham completed her sabbatical for the Winter 2013 semester. She studied the heterogeneity of self-control and its link to delinquency and crime. This is a central question in the etiology of crime. All the members of the department are excited about her findings which should be forthcoming soon.

For the fall and winter semesters of the 2013/2014 academic year, no criminal justice professors will be on sabbatical. This does not mean that the faculty will not be busy conducting research. The Wayne State University Criminal Justice faculty are always conducting research. Being involved in research helps keep the faculty current in the field, which benefits students. Furthermore, the research done in the Department of Criminal Justice helps others in making a difference in the community. If you have the time, stop and ask any Criminal Justice professor about his/her research. He/she will be thrilled to discuss what they are doing and what they have found to date.



Criminal Justice Faculty are interested in working with students on research studies.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

The new Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Department of Criminal Justice for the 2013/2014 academic year will be Lindsay Hamby. Ms. Hamby earned a Bachelor's degree with co-majors in Psychology and Sociology, and a minor in Criminal Justice, from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Ms. Hamby is in her second year in the Wayne State University Master's in Criminal Justice program. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Hamby to the Department of Criminal Justice. Her first day in the position is August 19, 2013.

Kendall Prevost, who was the Criminal Justice Graduate Teaching Assistant this past year, is working on completing her Master's degree in Criminal Justice. She did an excellent job being the Department's Graduate Teaching Assistant. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.



## GETTING TO KNOW ALICIA ORTEZ CONTINUED FROM PAGE I

without their help—so I know first-hand how important it is to have someone available that you can count on to help you along the way in many different ways. I want to be that person for my students. It is my time to pay it forward because I have often benefited in the past from others.

#### **Article by Alicia Ortez**





## SUMMER WISHES FROM THE DEPARTMENT



From all the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Faculty and Staff, the best wishes for the summer. We hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to working with students and alumni is the 2013/2014 academic year.

All the faculty and staff in the Department of Criminal Justice are excited about the upcoming academic year. We are looking forward to the returning students and the new students in the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, the Minor in Criminal Justice, and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice programs. We are all looking forward to working with the students and helping them grow as they learn new knowledge and skills.

Happy Summer!!!!!

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constantly changing field which offers a wide array of rewarding career options.

I know I have stated the following several times, but it is true and goes to the heart of the Department of Criminal Justice. 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 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. All of the members of the Department are thrilled to hear back from graduates from the program. Please keep in touch with the Department and your fellow students.

The Criminal Justice faculty members have also been busy with their research. In the past academic year, the faculty members have published several dozen articles in a wide array of peerreviewed and competitive journals. In addition, numerous book chapters have been published. 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 it 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. By conducting salient research, the faculty members not only add value to the field of Criminal Justice and either directly or indirectly improve the society, they also bring new and innovative ideas into the classroom.

I also thank the part-time professors, many of whom work in the field of Criminal Justice, for their dedication and service to students and the Department. The part-time faculty members teach and work with students because of their motivation to help others. I have observed numerous times part-time faculty members meeting with students outside the classroom to answer their career questions.

Since arriving in the Department in July of 2008, I have had the opportunity to meet many alumni of the program. As I have stated many times over, I am impressed with the caliber of the alumni of the program. They work hard to make a difference in their communities. I can honestly state that one of my greatest joys is when Criminal Justice alumni succeed in their chosen careers. To all of the graduates of the program, I commend you for going out each day to help improve the world one effort at a time. Collectively, everyone's efforts to help others and improve the community make a huge and positive difference. Working together, we can make the community a better place for all.

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

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#### Professor Zalman to Make a Presentation this Fall

Marvin Zalman, a Criminal Justice Professor, will be presenting a paper entitled "The Truth Revolution" at the 2013 Truth Symposium. This symposium is being hosted by the Wayne State University Humanities Center. The symposium is scheduled from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday, September 27, 2013, and will take place at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on the main campus of Wayne State University.



Below is a picture of Professor Zalman delivering the distinguished alumni address for the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany, where Professor Zalman earned his Ph.D.



## Professor Stack Invited to Dissertation Defense in Sweden

#### By Steven Stack

Professor Steven Stack served as the opponent in Ph.D. defense at the University of Uppsala in Sweden. On April 12, 2013, Dr. Stack served as the official opponent for a Ph.D. defense on Suicide in Russia: A Macrosociological Study by Tanya Jukkala. Professor Stack was recruited as the external opponent given that the candidate had been studying his publications on the social risk factors for suicide for many years. The defense involved Professor Stack's critical evaluation of the dissertation and asking the candidate many questions on stage in front of a large audience. Afterwards, Professor Stack joined over 100 people for a dinner celebrating the successful defense. The University of Uppsala is considered the foremost research university in Sweden and is ranked in the top 20 universities in Europe by the Academic Ranking of World Universities or Shanghai Ranking.



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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. I am always looking for students and alumni to write articles for the newsletter. If you are interested in writing an article. please contact me. The deadline for the Summer/ Fall issue of the newsletter is December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the deadline for the Winter/Spring issue of the newsletter is June 1st.

As I indicated in the past newsletters, in order to help connect with alumni and the community, the Department launched the Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board. The Board meets several times a year. Except for faculty members, all the other members of the Board are graduates of the Wayne State Criminal Justice program. We are always trying to sign up new members. If you are interested in serving on this important body, please contact me at <a href="mailto:dz9258@wayne.edu">dz9258@wayne.edu</a>. 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 co-chaired by Angie Kiger and Alanna Coronado, both graduates 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. 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. I would like to point out that the vast majority of the faculty and staff members in the Department of Criminal Justice give regularly to this Scholarship. As I indicated earlier, the faculty and staff truly care about the students

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. The criminal justice professional mentoring program is co-chaired by LaSondra Dawn and Lisa Marshall. Lisa Marshall is also a graduate of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice program. After running the program for just freshmen two years ago, the mentoring program was opened up to all Criminal Justice students in the 2011/2012 academic year. Since its inception, the program has continued to grow. The Criminal Justice Mentoring program was pleased to have had 10 mentors and 23 student mentees participating in the 2011/2012 academic year. The mentoring committee worked hard and launched the mentoring program for the 2012/2013 academic year.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES WITH A MS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

I extend my congratulations to the following individuals who have applied for graduation for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice at the completion of either the Fall 2012 or Winter 2013 semesters. Earning the graduate 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\*

### Criminal Justice Master of Science Applicants

### **Applicants for the Winter 2013 Semester**

Allison Bowers Nancy Cadorin Shannon Casey

Tacara Donaldson Elizabeth Gojcaj Michele Hawkins

Charice Long Tacarra Walker

### **Applicants for the Fall 2012 Semester**

Robert Banks Heather Gasowski Nerissa Gilliam

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIPS PAY OFF

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.

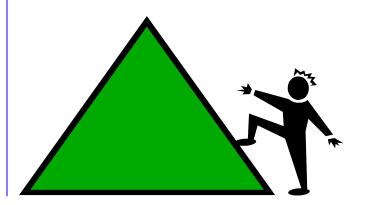
"Criminal Justice internships serve many purposes. They provide students with insight into the day-to-day operations of a criminal justice professional agency and help students understand how knowledge gained in the classroom applies to the 'real world' of the criminal justice system." (Cromwell, P., 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.

#### By Marianka Holloway

This article was originally published in the Summer/Fall 2012 newsletter. Because of the importance of internships, the article was republished in this issue of the newsletter.



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Eric Lambert, Professor and Chair\*



### Criminal Justice Bachelor of Science Applicants Winter 2013

Summi Akther	Christopher Allen	Hussain Alomari	Rosa Barajas
Brett Barbour	Karla Beard	Andrew Beattie	Wayne Bess
Kimberly Bishop	Marc Boudreau	Michael Buccinna	Leah Carey
Amela Catic	Patrick Cecile	Lauren Cetnor	Elaine Cox
Alessia D'Agostini	Chenine Daniels	Jacinta Dill	Ashley DiMaggio
Brian Diroff	Matthew Dolengowski	Martin Eastman	Wadad Elnachar
Joanna Emler	Andrianne Fiddler	Arjun Gumber	Amal Hachem
Daisha Hill	Michael Hinkle	Dominique Hodge	Matthew Horton
Sommer Itawi	Samantha Jacobson	Allen James	Cheryl Jenkins
Shawn Johnson	Daichanai Jones	Michele Kelch	Darren Kelly
Kristina Kropf	Jessica Kruczek	Muhammed Lais	Malikan Lattimore
Toiya Lawrence	Brittney Leggett	Rachel Line	Nichole Maisano
Duaa Matti	Calvin Maxie	Teal Mitchell	Ahmad Moubarak
Amany Muflihi	Nicholas Muscat	Asia Nelson	Cleveland Nelson
David Nixon	Tomasz Nowicki	Jerry Oden	Devin Phillips
Rosalind Quigley	Dominique Reeber- Romero	Ari Ribitwer	Matthew Rustulka
Timothy Shammas	Gina Shkoukani	Sarah Sinclair	Jessica Storks
Abin Varghese	Mario Vekic	Matthew Verley	Andrea Walgrave
Jody Williamson	Faisal Yousif		





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### 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.

☐ I am interested in creating a named fund in support of the WSU

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.

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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.

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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 summer and fall. I am looking to working with you in 2012/2013 academic year to make the community a better place for all. 

Eric Lambert

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The 2012/2013 professional mentoring program ran from October 2012 to April 2013. This year there were 23 students and 13 mentors in the program, which is the highest number of students and mentors since the program was launched. I deeply 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?" An excellent question! 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, and the wrapup meeting took place at the end of 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 has rewards beyond compensation. As the old adage goes, "Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."

The Outreach Committee is chaired by me. In the past, this committee sponsored a community forum entitled "The Michigan Sex Offender Registry and What It Means to You." One of the goals of this committee is to sponsor events to help the community and to create stronger bonds between the Department and the community. In addition, this committee is trying to develop a list of Wayne State University Criminal Justice graduates who can speak with high school and community college students about Criminal Justice careers and why they should earn a Criminal Justice degree from Wayne State University. The committee is looking for ideas for future events and for new ideas. 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 <u>dz9258@wayne.edu</u>. You can make a difference and help others in the process!

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. Service is often time consuming and thankless. I can hopefully change the latter. Please join me in a chorus of thank you for their service on these committees. Without them, the above mentioned efforts probably would have not occurred. This does not mean that new members are not needed. New members for the Board and committees are desperately needed. Please consider volunteering your time. Giving your time to help others is a noble effort that pays off in volumes.

Again, if you would like to join one of these committees, please let me know. The Chair position of the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board is open. It was previously held by Delores Jones, Wayne State University Criminal Justice graduate. 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. Every 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 would like to be become the Chair if the Wayne State University Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board, please send me an e-mail (dz9258@wayne.edu). Your service on as Chair of this committee will make a difference to current students, alumni, and the department.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

In June of 2012, a service center was formed to provide support 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 do good work. In June of 2013, Deb Mazur has been in her position for one year. The past year went by quickly. I am looking forward to working with Deb Mazur and Uzma Khan for many years to come.

Marianka Holloway, an academic advisor (Academic Service Officer) has been busy doing a myriad of things, especially advising Criminal Justice students. I am thrilled to announce that Alicia Ortez started as a new academic advisor in May 2013. She has numerous years of experience working with students, including at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. The Department is happy that she accepted our offer to come and work with Wayne State University Criminal Justice students. All advising, including general education advising, will be done by both. In addition, both are laying out new efforts to be proactive in helping students overcome obstacles so they can complete their degrees. Marianka Holloway and Alicia Ortez are dedicated to helping students.

In my short time here, I have been impressed with the faculty, the students, donors, and the alumni. Again, welcome to the 2013 Winter/Spring 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 students. Working together we can build a better tomorrow for our students, alumni, and our community. I wish you and your loved ones the best wishes for the summer. Please stay in touch!

# FROM THE WAYNE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB!

The Club has been active with meetings in 2012/2013 academic year. The Club is always looking for new members, so feel free to stop in on one of Club's meetings or events in the 2013/2014 academic year. The Club is open to all Wayne State University students interested in the field of criminal justice. Get involved in this student organization and meet other students. From time to time the Club hosts not only criminal justice events, but community volunteer efforts. Being active in the club will not only help others, but also will look good on your resume. The Club is looking for student Officers for the Club in the 2013/2014 academic year. To be an officer, a student is required to have

- 2.5 grade point average or higher
- Enrolled in at least 6 or more credits in the fall 2013 semester
- Junior/Senior status
- Criminal Justice declared major
- Submit a personal statement

If you are interested in being an Officer for the Club, please contact Professor Charles Klahm, the faculty advisor for the Club. His email address is eu2855@wayne.edu.



## THE 2013 CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI PRESENTATION

Each year, the Department of Criminal Justice asks a graduate of the Criminal Justice program of Wayne State University who has been successful in his/her criminal justice career to make a presentation to faculty, staff, students, and members of the community. Michael Kitchen made the 2013 Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumni Presentation on April 16, 2013.

Michael Kitchen is the retired Police Chief of the City of Ferndale, Michigan. He has had a long and illustrious career in law enforcement. He rose through the ranks of the Ferndale Police Department, since he joined as a police officer in 1975, to become Chief in 1996. He has won numerous awards and has made his community a better place to live. He is a graduate of the Wayne State University Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. Although retired, he is still actively involved in the community in many different ways in order to help others and make the community a better place for all.

The title of his presentation was "Been There, Done That: What a 35 Year Law Enforcement Career is Really Like." His presentation focused on what he experienced during his long and illustrious police career. He spoke about how earning a Master's degree in Criminal Justice provided him experiences and skills to succeed. He indicated that people should not pursue the easy path in life but instead take the less traveled road which involves challenges and obstacles. He indicated that he could have decided not to pursue a Master's degree or a not enroll in a tough and challenging program because it would have been the easy path in life. While he indicated that he may have occasionally grumbled about the requirements in his

graduate classes or the need to work hard, in the end, he was glad of the rigorous work. It provided him the ability to deal with extremely difficult problems and issues that he faced as Chief. It was clear from his presentation that he valued his educational experiences. He recommended that students take their education seriously and focus on long-term goals. He spoke about the need to make sure that a police department ensures that all citizens are welcome to the community and treated fairly. He also spoke about the challenges in the creation and running of the Dream Cruise event. He indicated that good planning is required for community events to occur safely and with few problems. He spoke of the need for people who move up the criminal justice administration ladder to mentor the newer employees. He indicated it is critical to train individuals so they can take over managing and running criminal justice organizations when those in charge retire. He stated it is in the best interest of criminal justice organizations and the community that new leaders be trained and mentored. He spoke about the need for students to explore all their career options rather than settling on the first job that comes along. He indicated that students needed to be lifelong learners since new challenges not known about today will occur sometime in the future. For example, he said when he first joined the police force in 1975 that there was little discussion or planning for terrorist attacks. Today, police departments need to be prepared for terrorist threats and attacks. Chief Kitchen spoke about the tremendous planning and the significant amount of work behind the scenes in order to protect all those who attended Dream Cruise. He concluded his presentation by answering questions from the audience.

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## STUDENT HONORS

More than 40 students, family, friends, faculty, and staff attended the 14th Annual Criminal Justice Honors Reception on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The reception was to honor students who graduate with distinction from the Criminal Justice program and students who graduated from the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. We are proud of all of our students who complete the program and graduate. They, and all the graduates of our program, will make the world a better place one degree at a time!

The following students attended the May 2013 Criminal Justice Honors Reception: Robert Banks, Shannon Casey, Amela Catic, Lauran Cetnor, Tacara Donaldson, Andrianne Fiddler, Charice Long, Fatme Nassar, Maya Nelson, Rosalind Quigley, and Gina Shkoukani.

## Marianka Holloway Academic Advisors

Marianka Holloway and Alicia Ortez say hello and remind current students if they have a question about their academic criminal justice requirements to call either Ms. Holloway or Ms. Ortez or to schedule an appointment. Ms. Holloway advises undergraduate students with last names starting with A to L and graduate students. Ms. Ortez advises undergraduate students with last names starting with M to Z. Both advisors are dedicated to helping criminal justice students achieve their educational and professional goals. They want to hear from all criminal justice students, so please contact your advisor to make an appointment. Advising helps keep students on track to graduate as soon as possible and with the classes that will aid them in being successful in their selected careers. Both advisors look forward to working with students.

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It was a wonderful presentation attended by students, faculty, and staff. Retired Chief Kitchen is dedicated to helping others and improving the community. I commend him for his hard work and dedication to helping others. It has made a difference in the lives of so many people. Clearly, he is a Wayne State University Criminal Justice Distinguished Alumnus.

## I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

#### **Eric Lambert**





#### **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 Provost and Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs. 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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