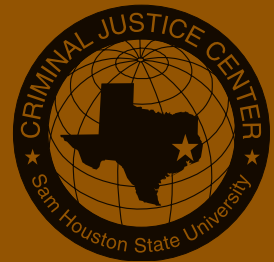


Criminal Justice MANDATE

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New Forensic Science Facility

On March 12, 2008, President Gaertner approved Dr. Joan Bytheway's proposal for the development of the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility (STAFS), a human decomposition facility. The facility is located in an isolated wooded area northeast of Huntsville surrounded by 247 acres of property belonging to Sam Houston State University's Center for Biological Field Sciences. A one-acre plot of land secured by an eight-foot razor fence and privacy slats provides a hands-on lab through which researchers can scientifically

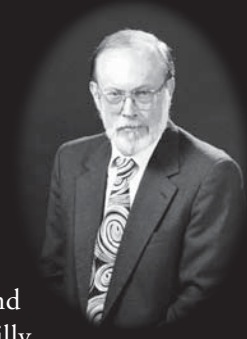
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Professor Bramlett Remembered 1934-2008

This fall, the College lost a devoted friend and former professor. Dr. Billy Bramlett died in his sleep on October 2, 2008, after an extended illness.

Dr. Bramlett first came to Huntsville, Texas, in 1960 after serving as an artilleryman in the U.S. Army. He worked for the prison system as an interviewer in the classification department while also pursuing his Bachelor's in Sociology at SHSU. After

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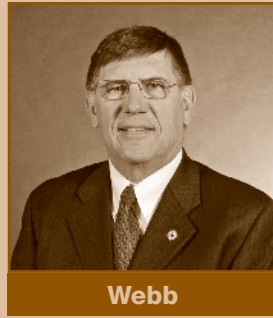
Faculty Grants

DESIGNER AMPHETAMINES
IN FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY
CASEWORK: ANALYSIS
AND PREVALENCE

Dr. Sarah Kerrigan is currently the principal investigator on "Designer Amphetamines in Forensic Toxicology Casework: Analysis and Prevalence," funded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (\$226,550). This project focuses on the new generation of "Ecstasy-like" designer amphetamines ("Lexus, Nexus," "T7," "Blue Mystic," and others). These emerging drugs of abuse gained notoriety in Europe and have recently made their way to the United States, as evidenced by numerous seizures by the DEA and other law enforcement agencies. Crime labs do not routinely test for these drugs in toxicological samples. The research will focus on new drug detection techniques in forensic case samples, particularly those encountered in death investigation and human performance toxicology (such as DWI). ■



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Dean's Message

I hope you find the Fall 2008 Alumni Edition of the Criminal Justice MANDATE to be informative and enjoyable to read. As always, there are a lot of new developments to report on in the College of Criminal Justice and the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center.

We were able to attract four outstanding new faculty members who joined us for the start of the 2008-2009 Academic Year. All four are accomplished teachers and scholars, and I am confident that they will make important contributions to our students, the profession, the community, the State of Texas, and to the nation.

A quick perusal of the Faculty and Student Publications section will give you a good indication of the scholarly productivity of our faculty and students. One of our top goals for the past few years has been to increase research and scholarship, and the tremendous effort of our faculty and students has led to a great deal of success in achieving that goal.

We have invested heavily in our graduate forensic science program the past couple of years, and it has quickly become one of Sam Houston State University's signature programs. In October, the national accreditation body for forensic science visited campus and reviewed the program, and I am confident that our program will receive accreditation early in 2009 and join the elite handful of U.S. programs with full accreditation status. Our investment in forensic science continues, and the second phase

of construction for our Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility is underway. When completed, this facility will be one of the few state-of-the-art research facilities for the study of human decomposition, an area of research that is vital for advancing forensic science.

College faculty, staff, and students continue to have global focus. Be sure to read the articles describing Dr. Bill Wells' research on firearms violence in Trinidad and Tobago and Dr. Mitch Roth's experience as an Academic Fellow in Tel Aviv, Israel. Although we are proud of our global focus, we continue to place heavy emphasis on research and training that serves our state and nation. The Texas Major City Research Initiative, directed by Dr. Larry Hoover, is an example of faculty doing research that will improve public safety in Texas's cities. The new Leadership Portfolio developed for use in the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMITE) is an innovation that will be used in leadership development for Texas's law enforcement agencies, and the new National Jail Academy, a Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) innovation, is one example of our many training programs that serve the nation.

The tremendous support provided by Friends of the Criminal Justice Center is especially noteworthy. Please take a minute to peruse pages 26-27. I think you will be amazed by the large number of donors whose contributions provide essential scholarship support for our students. These scholarship recipients are fortunate to have generous alumni who make it possible for them to receive a first-rate education, and I assure you that they are very grateful for every scholarship dollar they receive.

On behalf of the College, I want to thank you for your continued interest and support for criminal justice at SHSU. I hope you will stay in touch and be a frequent visitor to the CJ Center and to our beautiful campus. ■

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study human decomposition in the subtropical climate of southeast Texas.

The purpose of studying the process is to enable law enforcement officials, medical examiners, and crime scene investigators to more accurately determine critical information such as timing and circumstances of death.

Bodies will be placed in a variety of settings within the confines of the area and left to decompose. Researchers will then observe and make notations about the decomposition process and about any impact the environment has on the state of the bodies.

Not only will the facility provide a venue for interdisciplinary research by scientists and criminologists at SHSU, but there will also be opportunities for area law enforcement officials as well as national and international investigators, particularly those from countries where human body research is not permitted.

Joan Bytheway, a forensic anthropologist specializing in skeletal analysis who teaches in the university's forensic science program, spearheads the project, shared by the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Criminal Justice.

Before coming to Sam Houston State, Bytheway was part of an international team that excavated mass graves in Iraq to gather evidence to convict Saddam Hussein of genocide.

"When I went to Iraq, I saw the results of violence on bodies of individuals whose stories would have never been told if we had not been there," she said.

SHSU is the fourth university in the nation to have a forensic science facility for the study of human decomposition and the second one in Texas.

The property where the facility is operating has been used for many years by SHSU biologists and entomologists to study topics relating to decomposing bodies of animals.

Officials at Sam Houston State have addressed numerous safety issues regarding the new facility and are following standards required by several government and environmental agencies, including the installation of containment ponds to collect any body fluids that might leach from the cadavers.

"We will also require training and testing of all individuals who participate in activities at the facility," said Bytheway.

Individuals may donate their bodies to the research facility, just as they would for other scientific or medical studies.

"The bodies will be treated with dignity, and once studies are completed, the bodies will be disposed of according to their wishes stated prior to their death," said Bytheway.

Joan was awarded an Enhancement Grant for Research, valued at \$18,000, to purchase the maximum security fence for STAFS. In September 2008, the fence was completed. Construction of the building is projected to begin this December.

STAFS is also working with LEMIT and the chairman and president of the International Association for Identification (IAI) for LEMIT and STAFS to be certified in proctoring Crime Scene Investigator's certification exams in collaboration with the short courses SHSU will offer in the summer of 2009. Crime Scene Investigation, pattern evidence, and forensic anthropology will be among the curriculum for the benefit of students, law enforcement officials, and forensic specialists. These courses are designed to meet the academic requirements established by the IAI's CSI Certification program. In conjunction with the IAI CSI certification, Dr. Bytheway proposed to Dr. Holly Miller to have some of the undergraduate CJ courses that fulfill the requirements for IAI CSI certification be made available to undergraduate students. Dean Webb and Dr. Miller approved this proposal, giving SHSU undergraduate students a competitive edge over other law officer applicants once they complete the academic requirements for CSI certification.

Officials at SHSU are confident that the university's new Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility will provide enhanced training and research for crime scene investigation, thereby providing a valuable service to the people of Texas.

But more importantly, the results of studies conducted there could give deceased victims a voice that they might not otherwise have and provide closure for families who have lost loved ones because of traumatic events. ■

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X-RAY FLUORESCENCE ANALYSIS OF HUMAN BONE ELEMENTS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ORIGINS

Dr. Joan Bytheway received the 2008 Innov-X Systems Academic & Research Relations Grant, valued at \$20,000 based on the proposal "X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis of Human Bone Elements for the Identification of Origins." The grant includes the loan of a portable XRF analyzer. The analyzer



detects the presence of all inorganic elements found in bone and teeth. Data from skeletal and dental remains from Harris County Medical Examiner's Office and Hildalgo County Medical Examiner's Office will be collected by two graduate students, an undergraduate student, Dr. Jorn Yu, and Dr. Bytheway. In another research project, using the XRF analyzer, Dr. Bytheway will collaborate with Dr. Monte Thies, Department of Biology, and students to collect data from bone and teeth of non-human mammals. ■

ACADEMICS

What's
New with
Internships?

This past year the internship office has seen significant growth. Our overall internship participation has increased by approximately 10%, while the federal internship participation has grown approximately 15%. Presently, we are continuing the Centralized Student Career Experience Program (CSCEP) with the U.S. Marshals Service and currently have five students in the program. These students have received excellent evaluations at this time, which will allow them to continue the program towards becoming a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

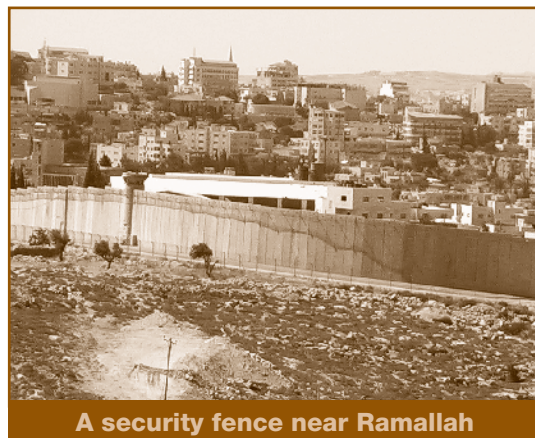
A new internship has been secured with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Houston field office. This is our first internship with the Department of Homeland Security since its inception post September 11, 2001. We have been diligently working with Special Agents Tia Nguyen and Matthew Baker of the Houston Field Office to secure the positions and develop a memorandum of understanding between ICE and SHSU. On a final note, this semester will see the transition of the internship assistant position from Bridget Hepner to Janie Burwick. ■

Faculty Awards

MITCHEL ROTH ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP IN TEL AVIV

In April 2008, Dr. Mitchel Roth was named an “Academic Fellow” for 2008-2009 by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a non-partisan policy institute headquartered in Washington, D.C. During his fellowship to Israel, Mitch stayed in Tel Aviv, the home base for workshops and meetings, for ten days. He spent most of his trip in high-security locations, which cannot be specifically named. One of these was a maximum-security facility holding Islamic terrorists in which he was given the opportunity to speak with prisoners. Most of the 800 prisoners held there are serving long sentences for murder and terrorist activities.

Mitch traveled through the occupied territory of the West Bank in an armored bus. His group passed by the village of Ramallah—former site of Yasser Arafat’s headquarters where several soldiers were recently murdered—and had the opportunity to observe checkpoints and the security fence. He also toured Jerusalem and Jaffa and visited several locations to observe training operations by special forces that demonstrated various scenarios for capturing terrorist targets. During a tour of the IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) museum, Mitch viewed demonstrations of bomb-learning robots and how bomb-making factories created various types of explosive devices. While visiting the homes of terrorism



A security fence near Ramallah

victims, the group listened to a husband explain the killing of his wife and son. During a



Roth outside of Old Jerusalem

trip to a naval base security installation, Mitch was in the command room when an alarm signaled the firing of a Kassam rocket south from Gaza over the facility. These rockets are frequently fired by Hamas terrorist groups.

Mitch attended miscellaneous workshops and lectures, including a workshop by a Shin Bet polygrapher and profiler on interrogation methods and insights into the investigation process from arrest through interrogation; a workshop on “Terrogeance,” a combination of terror and intelligence; and numerous lectures on Islamic leadership paradigms, financing terrorism, jihadist philosophy and strategies, targeted killings, and tactical deterrence by academics and intelligence agents from Shin Bet and the Mossad. He also attended lectures by India’s ambassador to Israel and representatives from the Israeli Prime Minister’s office.

The trip—including “hands on” experiences through visits to police, customs, immigration facilities, military bases, and border zones, as well as lectures by academics, military and intelligence officials, and diplomats from Israel, Jordan, India, Turkey, and the United States—gave the group an opportunity to learn the practical side of deterring and defeating terrorists. Mitch’s fellowship served as an intensive course in terrorism studies and, in particular, how democracies can defeat the worldwide terrorist threat. ■

New Faculty Profiles

CORTNEY FRANKLIN

Dr. Cortney Franklin joined the College of Criminal Justice faculty as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in Fall 2008. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Criminal Justice from Washington State University and her B.A. in Political Science from Gonzaga University. Cortney has been teaching undergraduate students for over four years in courses that include Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice, Violence Against Women, Criminal Justice Ethics, Community Corrections, and Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice.

Cortney's publications have appeared in *Criminal Justice Studies*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Social Justice Review*, and *California Journal of Health Promotion*, among others, and have dealt with such topics as the disparate treatment of women offenders, gender and race in court decision making, and HIV/AIDS among female inmates. She and husband Travis, who is also new to our faculty, have an article currently under review with *Feminist Criminology*. The paper is a gender-specific examination of citizens in eastern Washington State and their perceptions of fear and worry of victimization. "What typically happens in criminology and criminal justice," Cortney said, "is we have a theory and we try to test it and say, 'Oh it must work for women, too.' This is one of those areas where we've just looked at male fear and explained it as fear generally. So what we tried to do is look at whether women are fearful for different reasons, or are they fearful for the same reasons?"

Cortney's current research investigates the role of gendered peer groups (both male and female) in influencing behavioral outcomes in the university setting (e.g., sexual assault, victimization, danger cue recognition, and abusive alcohol consumption). "My most recent efforts have been looking at college campuses and sexual assault and how sororities might condition women to behave in ways that could increase their victimization." Cortney has also done research on the relationships between gender and criminal justice system functioning and is working on several projects related to

disparity in sentencing outcomes for convicted female offenders.

Cortney's husband Travis is also a new faculty member at the College. Asked why they chose Sam Houston State, she said, "We both finished [our degrees] in the spring and we searched the job pool for Ph.D.s in

"A lot of my research interests focus on gender and justice issues and sort of branch off from there."

— Cortney Franklin

Criminology and Criminal Justice and 'excellent.' And we were really fortunate. We really like Sam Houston State, so we decided to come here."

Cortney currently teaches Criminology, and next semester will teach Criminal Justice and a special topics course on Violence Against Women.

TRAVIS FRANKLIN

The College also welcomes new Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Travis Franklin. Travis earned his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Washington State University in 2008. He received his M.A. in Criminal Justice (also from Washington State) in 2005, and his B.A. in Political Science from Gonzaga University in 2001. He also taught as an adjunct professor at Washington State in 2007. He has published in such journals as *Social Justice Research*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *California Journal of Health Promotion* on topics such as prison overcrowding and violence and the fear of crime, as well as book chapters on the relationship between correctional and community health and prison murder trends. Prisons in America have a reputation for being extremely dangerous places, but "some prisons have become safer," he said. "Homicide and assault are down due to changes in prison management, which

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Cortney Franklin



Travis Franklin

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has become more concerned with enhancing security.”

Travis’s main research interests are correctional violence and trends in court decision making, particularly issues of disparity involving race and gender. “I’m interested in how external factors influence individual decision making,” he said. His current areas of expertise

“I’m interested in how external factors influence individual decision making...”

— Travis Franklin

are prison violence, fear of crime, sentencing decisions, prosecutorial discretion, and quantitative research methods. Travis’s most recent research examines whether or not a broad array of community-level factors influence the individual decision making of various courtroom actors, primarily judges and prosecutors. More specifically, this research aims to determine if various community conditions, such as crime rates, racial composition, and public attitudes affect critical decisions, including that of charging and sentencing criminal offenders.

Travis is also under contract with Sage Publications to co-author a text entitled, *Key Ideas in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. This text offers insight into the various contextual reasons that particular works in the areas of criminal justice and criminology become key ideas in their respective fields.

Travis currently teaches Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice and next semester may be teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice.

LING REN

Dr. Ling Ren joined the College in August 2008 as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. Ling received her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2006, her M.S. in Criminalistics from the Institute of Forensic Science &

Chinese People’s Public Security University, Beijing, China, in 2000, and her B.A. in Police Administration from Chinese People’s Public Security University in 1997. Her dissertation, entitled “Rethinking the Crime Drop in the United States during the 1990s,” studied the impact of police strength, social demographics, incarceration rates, and illegal drug usage in relation to the 1990s drop in crime in large U.S. cities. She has published in such journals as *Police Quarterly*, *Police Practice & Research*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Journal of Chinese Mass Spectrometry Society* on various topics, including strategic planning in American law enforcement agencies, participation in community crime prevention, and the use of thin-layer chromatography to identify black ball-pen ink.

She also gained practitioner experience in document forensics while at the Institute of Forensic Science in Beijing. “My mentor was a widely famous document expert in China,” she said. “He wanted me to continue his career as a document examiner. But I just found that criminal justice and criminology was something I am interested in more, so I switched my focus to this area.”

“...I just found that criminal justice and criminology was something I am interested in more, so I switched my focus...”

— Ling Ren

Prior to coming to SHSU, Ling worked as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Illinois State University. Her current research interests include policing, comparative criminology and criminal justice, and applications of quantitative methodology. She is also interested in and has published on the different definitions of crime from a criminology and criminal law perspective, and on the difference between crime and deviance. “Deviant behavior is much larger than criminal behavior,” she said. “There are some very heinous crimes, like



Ling Ren

murder, where there is no question. All countries put those crimes in their criminal law. But on the other hand, some crimes depend on culture. In the Middle East, for example, adultery is a crime. People can be sentenced to death for such behavior. In this country, people will talk about that, but there is no formal punishment.”

Ling currently teaches Introduction to Research Methods and will be teaching two sections of the course next semester.

JORN YU

Dr. Jorn Yu was appointed Assistant Professor of Forensic Science in Fall 2008. Dr. Yu previously taught in the Chemistry Department at Sam Houston State. When asked why he made the move, he said, “I consider myself a forensic science practitioner because I have eight years working experience in forensic science, [and] the College of Criminal Justice has a greater commitment to forensic science education.” Dr. Yu was previously a forensic scientist at Forensic Science Center in Taipei, Taiwan. As a practitioner in crime scene investigation, he had numerous opportunities resolving major crimes within the Taipei municipal area.

Jorn received his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2006 from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees, both in Forensic Science, from Central Police University, Taiwan. In his M.S. training, he completed a study using different algorithms to search infrared spectra for automobile coatings by the use of Micro-FT-IR. His intensive experience in forensics and solid training in chemistry make him very confident in developing education and research programs in forensic science. “I know what we should prepare for our students so that when they graduate they can do a better job,” he said.

Jorn has published numerous articles in journals such as *Food Science and Technology International*, *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*, *Food Chemistry*, and *Forensic Science Journal*. His publications have dealt with topics ranging from analyzing automobile paint to identifying the various toxins in food and wine. “We learn from the media about

antioxidants in red wine. “The French live longer because they drink wine.” he said. “At the same time when you harvest and preserve the grapes, there are some molds that can develop. These molds produce toxins that, over time, can lead to problems such as kidney disease,” he explained. “Different types of mold produce different toxins. This is a huge, huge research field.”

Jorn currently teaches Forensic Analysis of Pattern Evidence, Forensic Instrumental Analysis, and Trace Evidence and Microscopic Analysis for the Master of Science in Forensic Science Program. His current research interests focus on forensic chemistry, instrumental analysis of biochemical substances, environmental allergens, and high-tech materials. His research lab is working on developing novel analytical techniques for application in forensic science. He said he is proud to be a part of the Forensic Science program. “Our program is going to get accreditation from FEPAC soon. One of the

“I know what we should prepare for our students so that when they graduate they can do a better job...”

— Jorn Yu

criteria is you must have 75% faculty with a Ph.D., and at least one faculty member should have practical experience in forensic science. We now have four full-time faculty members with practical experience.” ■



Jorn Yu

FACULTY PROMOTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Mullings, who was promoted to full professor September 1, 2008. Dr. Mullings began teaching in the College in 1997 as a lecturer. In her eleven years here, she has also served as Assistant Professor, Director of Research for the Crime Victims' Institute, Associate Professor, Assistant Dean, and, currently, Associate Dean of the College.

Dr. Larry Hoover, director of the Police Research Center and Professor of Criminal Justice, was recently appointed Interim Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and Director of CJ Doctoral Programs. Dr. Hoover has taught in the College of Criminal Justice since 1977 and has been a full professor since 1983. ■

ACADEMICS

Recent PhD
Graduates,
Dissertation
Titles & Chairs

MAY 2008

IRFAN DIMIR

"An Analysis of Shift Work in the Turkish Police in Light of Herzberg's Motivation Hygiene Theory"

Chair: Larry Hoover

MARY BETH SARVER

"Leadership Styles of Texas Police Chiefs"

Chair: Holly Miller

AUGUST 2008

VIDISHA BARUA

"Don't Tase Me, Bro! Police and Prison Officer Liabilities for Use of Tasers and Stun Guns"

Chair: Mike Vaughn

KATHERINE M. BROWN

"Child Abduction Murder: An Analysis of the Effect of Victim Age, Victim Race, Victim Gender, Victim-Offender Relationship, Forensic Evidence, and Time and Distance Separation on Case Solvability"

Chair: Janet Mullings

AHMET EKICI

"The Role of Law Enforcement Practices on Terrorist Recruitment: A Study of the Impact of Traditional and Community Policing Practices on the Recruitment Process of Terrorist Organization Members"

Chair: Richard Ward

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Faculty and Student Publications

The College of Criminal Justice is proud of its many faculty, students, and alumni who continue to publish with some of the most noted journals and publishers in the field of Criminal Justice. Recent publications include:

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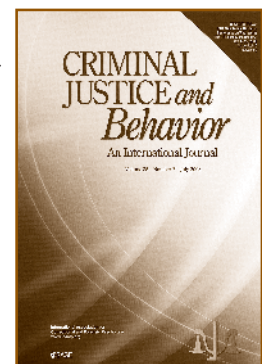
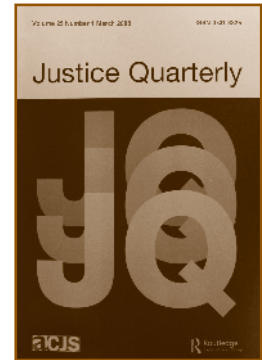
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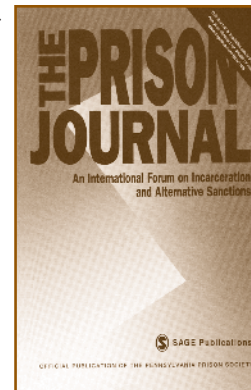
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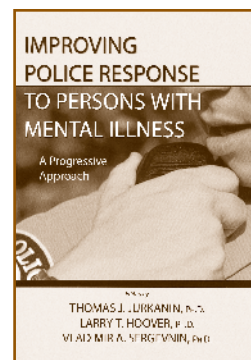
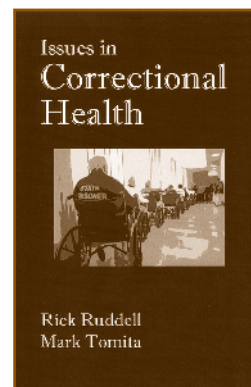
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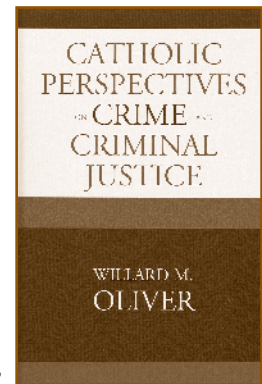
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Police Research Center Begins 15th Year of TELEMASP Bulletins

First published in April 1994, the Texas Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics Program (TELEMASP) Bulletin series is a bimonthly publication designed to distribute information about comparative administrative practices of Texas law enforcement agencies. In addition to distribution to Texas law enforcement managers, Bulletins are distributed to numerous criminal justice academic program libraries nationwide.

The TELEMASP program is part of the suite of training endeavors sponsored

by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute. The Bulletins are coordinated and produced under an agreement with the Police Research Center and authored by SHSU faculty and doctoral students. Ms. Jamie Tillerson manages Bulletin production.

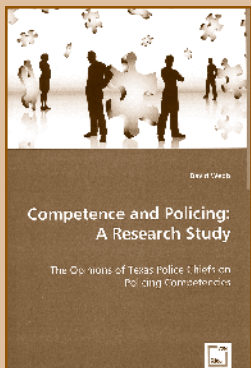
Some recent TELEMASP topics include Citizens on Patrol, Asset Forfeiture, and DNA Evidence. The Bulletins are indexed in the Criminal Justice Periodicals Index and can be accessed online at <http://www.lemitonline.org/telemasp/>. ■

Adjunct Faculty Publishes Book on Police Competence

Competence and Policing: A Research Study (VDM Saarbrücken, Germany, 2008) is a new book by David Webb, Assistant Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The book focuses on the opinions of Texas Police Chiefs about the subject of policing competencies.

Webb’s book describes the results of an opinion-seeking piece of research with Texas Police Chiefs. They identify the strengths and weaknesses the introduction of competency frameworks into Texas policing arrangements would bring. Their voice sheds some professional light on the issues that will face the city and county governments and their police chiefs, especially those contemplating organizational change—this at a time when doing nothing is probably not a viable option.

David is the Assistant Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) and adjunct instructor at the College of Criminal Justice. He joined LEMIT after relocating to the United States after spending 30 years in policing in the United Kingdom, the last 12 years of which were at the rank of Chief Superintendent of Police. In 2005, he introduced the Incident Command Simulation Training Program to the Institute, and he is currently developing the Institute’s Research capability and a Center of Excellence in Competency-based Education. ■



A Day for Recognition and Remembrance

On April 24, 2008, the College of Criminal Justice continued a long-standing tradition by honoring our distinguished students, staff, faculty, and alumni in the annual Awards Day ceremonies.

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

In the annual Leadership Luncheon, Georgen Guerrero (Ph.D. '07) was recognized for receiving the ACJS Outstanding Student Award. At the ACJS conference this March, Guerrero won the William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award and an ACJS Affirmative Action Mini-Grant Award.

The College also awarded Vicki Spriggs with the Defensor Pacem Medal. Ms. Spriggs is the Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC). Ms. Spriggs is a nationally recognized juvenile justice expert and serves the State of Texas with a vision and a true passion focused on kids.

Marilyn Gambrell was honored with the Outstanding College Alumni Award. Ms. Gambrell graduated from the College of Criminal Justice in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Corrections. She is the founder and CEO of No More Victims, Inc., an organization that strives to break the cycle of child sexual abuse by educating parents of at-risk adolescents and providing resources for critical early intervention. Ms. Gambrell has received national and interna-

tional publicity for her programs, and, in 2005, Lifetime aired an original movie titled, "Fighting the Odds—The Marilyn Gambrell Story," which tells the story of this former Texas parole officer who quit her job to start working with high school kids whose academic performance was affected by their parents' incarceration.

SUNDIAL CEREMONY

Since 1990, students, staff, faculty, and friends of the College have gathered around the Sundial Monument at the time of the Spring Equinox in remembrance of students who have

gone forth to pursue a vocation in criminal justice, and particularly to remember those who have given their lives in this noble cause.

"When we lose our students, we lose a part of ourselves," Dr. Phillip Lyons said in this year's ceremonial address. "At this time of year we are reminded of that profound loss. We should also be reminded, though, of the voices they made heard, the contributions they made. Although their lives were cut short, they did make a difference."



Vicki Spriggs is awarded the Defensor Pacem Medal (above right) and Marilyn Gambrell receives the Outstanding Alumni Award (above left) at the 2008 leadership luncheon.



After a moment of silence, the R.O.T.C. flag detail performed a retirement ceremony of the Texas flag. Before the new Texas flag was raised, the retired flag was presented to Jackie Gillian, who retired after 38 years of service with the university. Ms. Gillian was Associate Vice President of Finance and Operation.

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DEANS' SCHOLARSHIPS

**George J. Beto
Memorial**

Antara Prakash

**Margaret Farnworth
Graduate**

Harry Ehmann

Charles M. Friel

Alicia Deal

**George G. & Grace M.
Killinger Memorial**

Jeffrey Kelly

Jennifer Hogue

Victor G. Strecher

Daniel Jones

Charlecia Holmes-Johnson

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HONORS CONVOCATION

The College hosted its annual Honors Convocation on April 24th in the George G. Killinger Auditorium. A total of 83 scholarships were presented to our most academically accomplished students, and 148 honor students were recognized. Regent Trisha Pollard spoke at the ceremony. Ms. Pollard, who received her B.B.A. from SHSU, was appointed to a six-year term on the Texas State University System Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry in March 2007.

2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarship
American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS)
Brandon Ashley Memorial Scholarship
Dan Richard Beto Scholarship in Correctional Leadership
James C. Boswell Memorial Scholarship
Tom Broussard, Ph.D., Memorial Scholarship
Susan L. Canfield Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Sarah Janine Cleary and Michael Griffin Cleary Scholarship

Diane Cochran Criminal Justice Scholarship

Stacy Countz Memorial Scholarship
Rolando, Josefa and Jocelyn del Carmen Endowed Scholarship
Rolando V. del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship
Justin DeSpain Memorial Scholarship
Clay Dyer Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Annette Edwards Memorial Scholarship
O.B. Ellis and J. Phillip Gibbs Memorial Scholarship

Erica Thomas
Laura Aguilar
Kasie Beasley
Natalia Tapia
Michelle Labbe
Preston Wong
Michelle Stringer
Ange Amani, Katherine Jones,
Jessica Norman, Jared Rollins,
Shontel Williams, Chase Yancey
Daylan Damron – Summer
Daniel Silva – Fall
Nancy Darnell – Spring
Kristina Dowgun
Scott MacMillan
Nick Harpster
Shawn Dawson
Lynne Riedmueller
Dayana Borges
Kristen Cossota, Nicole Harre,
Cheryl Hardin, Princess Jenkins,
Amanda Whipple, Karen Walters,
Mandy Stegint, Elke Horn
Christopher Burgess, Kathryn Frytz
Nicholas Harp, Justin DeLos Santos
Kathleen Sanders

R.W. Gordy Memorial Scholarship

Jared Grant Memorial Scholarship
Lt. Colon E. "Tate" Jordan, Sr., Memorial Scholarship
Lambda Alpha Epsilon Scholarship
LTC Michael A. Lytle Prize in Forensic Science
Merlyn D. Moore Criminal Justice Scholarship
Steve Moore Memorial Scholarship
**National Society of the Daughters of
the American Revolution Scholarship**
Edward Glenn Owens Scholarship
Justin Perdue Memorial Scholarship
Chris Pickren Memorial Scholarship
Wayland D. Pilcher Memorial Scholarship
Michael Schulze Scholarship
Melissa Renee Sinclair Memorial Scholarship
Jason W. Stachey Criminal Justice Scholarship
Donald J. Weisenhorn Memorial Scholarship
Bob Worley and Lonnie Gisi Criminal Justice Scholarship

William Keenen
Angelo Brock
Larynn Mitchell
Adriana Perez
Michael Rudolph
Deanna Richnow
Brittany Litaker
Camellia Ward
Sirena White
Justin Bradley
Jason Mabry
Jason Johnson, John Pantuso
Bryan Thompson
Jennifer Quinton
Ngoc-Anh Thuy Ho
Chad Cryer



Regent Pollard speaks at the Honors Convocation.

Spring and Summer Commencements

Saturday, May 17, 2008, the university held its Spring commencement ceremonies at the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum. The commencement speaker was Trisha S. Pollard, Vice Chairman—Texas State University System Board of Regents. Ms. Pollard is also Vice President of Pollard Development, L.P., and was appointed by Governor Perry to a three-year term as a Public Member of the Texas One-Call Board in 2003. She graduated from SHSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

The College of Criminal Justice recognized 204 candidates for graduation, including 186 undergraduates, 16 Masters students, and 2 Ph.D.s (See pages 8–10 for doctoral graduates). Thirty-four students graduated with honors (listed below).

Cum Laude

Michael Scott Anderson
Justin Blake Breeden
Allison Christine Burns
Tabitha Anne Creech
Sabrina Dahlgren
Danielle Lauren Hamilton
Juan Carlos Hernandez
Laura Christian Hill
Nathan P. Lee
Kyriea Charlene Kana
Randi Vanesa Kizer
Mark Hunter McMahon
Ashley Therese Muña
Bryan Keith Rudel
Jeremy Dean Watson

Magna Cum Laude

Cassandra Ann Atkin
Sara Michelle Campbell
Caroline Ann Cosby
David Michael Hull
Matala David Idi
Natalie Anne Leoni
Mark Eric Patterson
Andrew Derek Rohm
Anel Arellano Sacramento
Amy Marie Waits
Kathryn Elizabeth Wooley
Cody Justin Wortham

Summa Cum Laude

Sydni Nicole Alexander
Alexias Shantel Bell
Jennifer Nicole Brannon
Travis Lance Cline
Elke Elaine Horn
Justin K. Neuneker
Rebecca Teresa Ramirez

The SHSU Summer commencement was held on Saturday, August 9, 2008. Former Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams addressed the graduates. Mr. Williams was sworn in as Texas's 105th Secretary of State on February 8, 2005, and worked to ensure the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout the state.

The College of Criminal Justice recognized 204 candidates for graduation, including 106 undergraduates, 15 Masters students, and 11 Ph.D.s (See pages 8–10 for doctoral graduates). Eleven students graduated with honors (below).

Cum Laude

Elisabeth Anne Quintero
Ernest Findley Mitchell

Magna Cum Laude

Megan Elizabeth Barfield
Daryl Lynn Free
John Gabriel Gonzales
Valerie Jean Johnson
Amy Katherine Jones
Stephanie Lynn Ostendorf
Megan Colleen Ressimann

Summa Cum Laude

Jesse Tyrell Lisenby
Philip Andrew Truchard



THE 100 CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

John R. Braniff
Brittnee Kizer

N.M. "Mack" Brown
Amanda Austin

Gordon Edge
Francis Axline
Fabia Bristow

Fred Gebhardt
Brian Castro

Robert T. Herrin, Sr.
Ashley Clark
Stephen Davis

H. Stuart Lang, Jr.
Andrew Falkenstine
Melanie Godkin
Jarrett Grundman

Leroy D. Melcher
Amanda Haynes
Kara Kelly

Charles F. Milstead
Jessica Kong

Howard D. Moon
Gabriel Ortega

David H. Morris
David Blackerby
David Emmons
Emily Miller

T.C. Morrow Memorial
Matthew Murray
Britney Sells

**E.A. "Bud" Olson
Memorial**
Danielle Richardson
Axel Lindholm

Charlie D. Worthen, Sr.
Andrew Michon
John Hitzeman

The 100 Club Doctoral
Harlan Harris
Nhatthien Nguyen

Research

BILL WELLS TRIES TO REDUCE CRIME WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE



Bill Wells

Dr. Bill Wells, Jeonglim Kim, and Kyung-Yon Jhi, along with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), have been working together on strategic crime reduction efforts. A twin-island nation in the southern Caribbean, off the northeast coast of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago obtained its independence from Great Britain in 1962. Despite being considered a developing nation, it has one of the strongest economies in the Caribbean. The nation is comprised of about 1.26 million people: 40% are East Indian, 37.5% African, and 20.5% Afro-Indian. The homicide rate has increased rapidly and substantially

“It has been rewarding to work closely with practitioners in a developing nation...”

— Bill Wells

in Trinidad and Tobago since 1999. The number of homicides stood at 93 in 1999 and is on pace to potentially reach 450 this year. The increase is being driven by gang-related violence and an increased use of guns. The TTPS sought assistance from a group of academic researchers based at George Mason University to reform police services in Trinidad and Tobago and help guide strategic crime-reduction initiatives. Professor Ed Maguire from American University was lead investigator on the strategic crime reduction project, and Bill joined his team in early 2007. Researchers on the team were based at American University, George Mason University, Arizona State University, Bowling Green State University,

San Francisco State University, and SHSU. For this project Bill collaborated with several members of the TTPS, including police executives, patrol officers, detectives, and undercover intelligence officers, along with several other academic researchers and police practitioners from the U.S. who lived in Trinidad and Tobago for the duration of the project. Specific projects arising from this research include diagnosing gun-related crime problems and recommending interventions guiding distinct police problem-solving projects: 1) reduce robberies in downtown Port of Spain, 2) reduce auto thefts from a high-theft location, 3) reduce crimes against tourists in Tobago. Numerous reports and presentations developed out of this research have been made to the Minister of National Security (MNS) and members of the TTPS. One academic manuscript is currently under review at the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, and other members of the team have authored several manuscripts that are currently under review at a variety of peer-reviewed journals. Bill commented on the grant, saying, “It has been rewarding to work closely with practitioners in a developing nation in order to adapt and implement ideas about policing and methods for reducing violence that are discussed in the academic literature. In addition, the project has been a tremendous learning experience for me. I am pleased that I was able to offer this kind of research opportunity for SHSU doctoral students and to be able to use examples from Trinidad and Tobago in classes I teach.” ■

LARRY HOOVER INITIATES TEXAS MAJOR CITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

LEMIT has initiated a Major Cities Research Initiative, an effort complementing its Major Cities Seminar Series. The Initiative is being conducted by the Police Research Center and initially included faculty members Larry Hoover, Brian Lawton, Vincent Webb, Bill Wells, Solomon Zhao, and program manager Jamie Tillerson. Joining the project team this year is Hee-jong Joo and Ling Ren. Graduate assistants assigned are Joshua Belay, Lisa Bowman, Jeonglim Kim, and Carl Williams.

The research team is assessing two related programs. The first is Dallas's "Hot Spots" Program, involving assignment of officers to 21 designated high-crime areas during at-risk times. The second is Houston's newly created Crime Reduction Unit. The seventy-officer team is directed to interdict "gangs, guns, and drugs" in Houston's worst neighborhoods.

Increasingly popular in major municipal jurisdictions, Targeted Response Units provide police managers with discretionary resources

available for quick deployment. The units typically deploy in marked patrol cars, in full uniform, with two officers per car. Variation obviously exists, but assignments are usually premised upon "hot spot" neighborhoods or zones experiencing high crime rates. Targeted Response Units saturate such areas, assigning four to eight marked units per square mile. They employ a range of tactics, but at the core is generally numerous traffic and pedestrian "inquisitory" stops, with warrant checks on involved citizens. The term of art in law enforcement is "field interrogations" or, less aggressive sounding, "field interviews."

Results of the evaluative research effort are being "rolled back" to LEMIT's Major City Training Program. ■



Larry Hoover

The objectives of the study are focused upon linking variability in strategy to direct operational effects. Specific objectives are:

- Documentation of the effects of the programs on arrest and crime rates.
- To describe the operation of the units, documenting strengths and weaknesses.
- To document the structure and processes employed during implementation of a focused crime intervention effort.
- To examine the efficacy of technology (e.g., real-time crime analysis, communication technology) in shaping targeted response daily operations.
- To assess the range of analytic techniques provided by such an effort.
- To document degree and nature of coordination and collaboration between the targeted response units and existing operations (e.g., regular patrol, gang unit).

RESEARCH

PHILLIP LYONS SERVES ON COMMITTEE AS CO-CHAIR ON LEGAL ISSUES



Phillip Lyons

Dr. Phillip Lyons serves as the co-chair of the American Psychological Association's ad hoc Committee On Legal Issues (COLI), which is tasked with reviewing all proposed APA policy statements for any underlying legal issues that might be involved, but not apparent to those proposing the policy. Its most visible work, though, involves reviewing all requests for the APA to submit amicus curiae briefs in pending cases of major import. These cases are typically pending before state and federal courts of last resort (e.g., the U.S. Supreme Court). Recent cases in which the APA joined at the recommendation of COLI include those involving: (a) the minimum age for executing youthful offenders, (b) the appropriate

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standard to be employed in determinations of competence to be executed, (c) same sex marriage, and (d) adoptions with same sex parents. Recent position statements reviewed by COLI include a proposed moratorium on psychologists' involvement in interrogations at locations where detainees are tortured. Dr. Lyons is also the director of the Texas Regional Center for Policing Innovation (TRCPI), a regional community policing institute, established a decade ago through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community

Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Most notable for putting 100,000 police officers on the streets in the mid '90s, the COPS Office also established a national network of regional community policing institutes. Two such institutes were established in Texas, one at the LBJ School at the University of Texas, and the other at the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University. The TRCPI has provided some 20,000 participants with more than 150,000 contact hours of training at no or low cost to participants. These trainings have run the gamut from DNA evidence recognition and collection to human trafficking awareness training. TRCPI also provides consulting services to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve on various issues related to community policing. During the course of its operation, the TRCPI has secured several million dollars in funding to support various initiatives. TRCPI funding has also provided more than a dozen graduate students with funding. ■

Professional Support

DECP's New ARIDE Program

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) recently received a three-year grant from the Texas Department of Transportation totaling \$2.6 million to continue funding for DRE training. The continuation of funding is a 3% to 5% increase over last year and allows the DECP to build on its drug recognition training. One such expansion is the new Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) program.

Many law enforcement officers already receive training in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) as part of their overall enforcement of DWI laws. A few officers have the opportunity to complete more advanced training and become Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The ARIDE course is intended to bridge the gap between SFST and DRE courses to provide a level of awareness to law enforcement officers in the area of drug impairment in the context of traffic safety.

"ARIDE is more advanced than basic field sobriety testing," said ARIDE instructor Josh Bruegger. "It's a stepping stone between field sobriety training and DRE training." Bruegger is a College of Criminal Justice alumnus (B.A. '97) and a Sergeant with the Pasadena Police Department.

The ARIDE Program is unique because it also trains other criminal justice professionals—such as prosecutors, toxicologists, and judges—to understand the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both, enabling them to more effectively work with law enforcement to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents.

The ARIDE program includes 16 hours of training and is divided into sessions designed to provide participants with an overview of impaired driving, the effects of drugs and alcohol on a person's ability to operate a vehicle, and the methods of identifying and processing the impaired driver. The DECP is the only agency in the State of Texas that can do the training.

Lieutenant Dan Webb with the Texas DPS was one of the first Drug Recognition Experts in the state. "I've traveled all over the U.S. teaching DRE courses and spent a lot of time in D.C. developing courses such as 'Cops and Shops,' which placed undercover agents as store clerks to catch under-age kids trying to drink or buy cigarettes." Lt. Webb was also instrumental in developing the ARIDE curriculum.

Lieutenant Webb has been with Texas DPS since 1982 and a Drug Recognition Expert since 1990. He said the biggest change he's seen in recent years is a big increase in persons driving under the influence of drugs. He has also seen first-hand that effective drug recognition training has benefits that reach far beyond making our roadways safer.

"Right after the DRE program started, we pulled over a woman and I noticed that her one-year-old kid sitting in the car seat was 'on the nod.' This is what we call when a person repeatedly nods off to sleep and then snaps back awake, and it's a symptom of narcotic analgesic abuse. After a search, we found the mother had hidden drugs in the baby's diaper, and the child had pulled out the pills and started chewing on them."

Webb arrested the mother for possession and driving under the influence of drugs, and the child had to be admitted for drug overdose.

"Without DRE training, we wouldn't have recognized the symptoms, and that baby would have just fallen asleep and never woken up," he said. "That's just another example of how important this kind of training can be." ■



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SUPPORT

LCC's New Leadership Portfolio



Dara L. Glotzbach

Since 1987, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) has provided top leaders in Texas law enforcement with quality executive level training. LEMIT's flagship program, the Leadership Command College (LCC), sets the standard for excellence in police leadership and executive development training. This year the LCC introduced a new component of the program: the Leadership Portfolio Project.

"The Leadership Portfolio is a way to capture a person's career in a visible, tangible fashion," said Dara Glotzbach, LWP Coordinator. The portfolio contains a minimum of 16 sections, each focusing on various elements of the participant's professional training, achievements, and leadership philosophy. The LCC believes the project will give participants in the program a unique opportunity for self-evaluation, reflection, building a clearer career plan, obtaining feedback from other professionals, and documenting their law enforcement legacy.

A crucial part of the portfolio is the Leadership White Paper. "In the past, we required a comprehensive research paper," Glotzbach said. "This is more a position paper. You take a stand on a position and defend



it, but also argue from the counter position. Whether it's putting computers in patrol cars or instituting the DARE program in schools, the LWP better prepares leaders for debate because they will have learned to research both sides of an issue."

The Leadership Portfolio is both a process- and product-oriented project that program organizers anticipate will be of great benefit to graduates for planning out their careers. But it is also a valuable tool for looking back. And many participants may be surprised to find just how much they have accomplished in their careers.

Executive Director Rita Watkins encountered one such participant when LEMIT had the opportunity to train a group of U.S. Marshals and one of the requirements was the creation of a Leadership Portfolio. "He wasn't enthused about the prospect of putting a portfolio together, because he was about to retire soon," she said. "However, he went home and called his two adult daughters to help him. When they were done, he found the process and end product to be something he is proud of. His daughters will now probably fight over which one gets to keep it."

Watkins said it was this particular story that made her include "legacy" as one of the purposes for creating a Leadership Portfolio. "It's a reflective process and lasting product documenting one's career. LCC participants will have the opportunity with this new project to demonstrate and continuously develop their own personal leadership styles." ■

Leadership Portfolio
Required Components

1. Personal Leadership Statement
2. Leadership Assessment Compilation
3. Résumé
4. Curriculum Vitae
5. Education Credentials
6. Awards/Honors
7. Organizations
8. Career Development Goals
9. Leadership Autobiography
10. Leadership White Paper (LWP)
11. Professional Social Network
12. Leadership Command College Module I
13. Leadership Command College Module II
14. Leadership Command College Module III
15. Leadership Command College Module IV
16. Optional
(any additional applicable components). ■

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Crime Victims' Institute Research

The Crime Victims' Institute has published several reports that bring important victim issues to the forefront. The following is a brief look at some of the most recent topics researched by the CVI:

Intimate Partner Violence: This report summarizes the results from the fourth annual Texas Crime Victimization survey conducted by the Crime Victims' Institute at Sam Houston State University. This study specifically addresses intimate partner violence (IPV) in Texas. Over 700 randomly selected residents shared their experiences during a phone interview. Characteristics of victims and perpetrators, the contexts in which IPV occurs, and the events that led up to the altercations are addressed. This information is designed to inform victim advocates, policymakers, and the general public about this significant social problem.

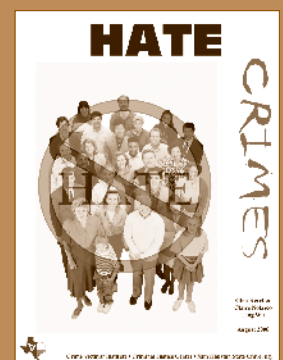
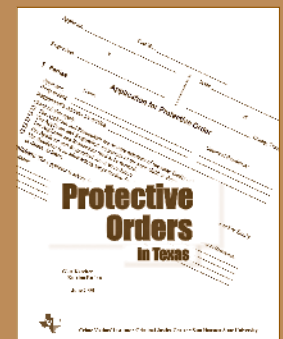
Protective Orders: Victims of violence, despite the extent of their injuries and fears, are often disinclined to seek an order of protection out of concern that their reports will not be believed and fear that the abuse will continue even after the protection order is obtained. To encourage these victims to make reports to the police and to seek an order of protection, the process must be user friendly and supportive. The procedural questions and concerns of victims need to be addressed, and the process must be streamlined. This requires effective and timely communication between law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and victim service organizations. Enforcement of orders needs to be a priority for law enforcement, not only to prevent further violence, but to encourage other victims to seek similar protections.

Despite the progress that has been made to protect victims of crime, there is more that can be done. This report is designed to inform the various stakeholders in the protective order process of the intent of the law and the obstacles that many victims face in deciding whether or not to apply for protection. Our hope is that renewed effort and resolve to protect crime victims will result.

Texas Victim Service Provider Resource Directory: This updated handbook is designed as a quick reference for victim service personnel and lists resources in your community, county, and state, as well as some national resources. The information is arranged by county and municipality. It is also available online on our website www.crimevictimsinstitute.org.

Hate Crimes: Violent crime victimization is an ongoing concern for many citizens. This can stem from news accounts or the reports of acquaintances about things that have happened to them. Much is known about interpersonal violence and its effect on victims. In the past two decades violent crimes motivated by bias toward a victim because of that person's race, disability, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, or sexual orientation have received increasing attention. News accounts of a number of highly publicized cases led to the enactment of hate crime laws to distinguish between bias-motivated crimes and other types of violence. Such crimes have a debilitating effect not only on victims, but also on members within the affected groups.

This report reviews the history of hate crimes and the laws that have been enacted to address them. Also discussed are the identification and processing of these crimes. The report concludes with some recommendations for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and victim service providers. It is our hope that this report will stimulate discussion about improving the identification and prosecution of these crimes and better assisting victims. ■



CMIT to Host National Jail Academy

In a report issued by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), correctional executives from around the country emphasized the need for strong, effective leadership in jail administration, management, and operations, particularly as the field faces a significant number of retirements from senior positions in the coming years. The executives noted the “need for a national corrections academy...for training...future jail leaders.”

Under the leadership of the American Jail Association (AJA), a collaborative working group was created with the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT), Sam Houston State University (SHSU), and the National Association of Counties (NACo) to develop the curriculum for the newly-formed National Jail Leadership Command Academy

(NJLCA) in anticipation of the Academy’s March 2009 launch date.

Given its leading role as a provider of quality correctional training both in Texas and the U.S., CMIT has been chosen as the site of the Academy and will work closely with AJA and NACo in providing a forum for excellence in jail leadership.

The Academy will feature presentations on Best Practices, Hiring and Keeping the Best; Accountability, The Critical Key to Effective Leadership; Big Picture Thinking; Organizational Communication; Applied Ethical Leadership; Collaborative Partnerships; Finance and Budget; Essential Leadership Skills/Tools; and Dealing with Organizational and Environmental Change. ■

Expansion of CMIT Activities Serves Corrections Across Texas and Nationwide

At the end of August, CMIT hosted a National Institute of Corrections program on Incident Command Management, bringing 30 Assistant Directors of Departments of Corrections from around the country, together with their Emergency Managers, to Huntsville for crisis response training in LEMIT’s Incident Command Simulation Training (InCoSiT) suite. Participants were faced with the decision-making challenges associated with

moving thousands of inmates during a toxic chemical spill. Responses to these and other types of disasters are becoming a central part of training programs around the state as well as the country.

As part of its County Corrections initiatives, CMIT will launch the Jail Management and Operations for Newly Elected Sheriffs program in April 2009, a week-long program designed to assist sheriffs in the transition to their new responsibilities. The Institute’s Annual Jail Management Conference, another important component of CMIT’s support of sheriffs, jail administrators, and correctional staff, was held in October at the Criminal Justice Center, attended by 160 participants.

CMIT’s long-running Mid-Management Program, which provides both extensive and intensive training for tomorrow’s leaders across the criminal justice spectrum in Texas, has increased the number of week-long sessions offered from 4 to 6 for the 2008-2009 training calendar. This expanded program will bring together nearly 200 practitioners annually from jails, institutional corrections, adult and juvenile probation, and parole.

On the horizon, CMIT will be developing a unique senior-level correctional leadership program that will provide not only leadership skill development, but will also highlight academic work that could positively influence leadership, management, and policy approaches by executives in the field. This unique blend of academic and practitioner approaches to executive training will feature best practices and evidence-based research in putting knowledge to work. ■



InCoSiT suite in action

Alumni News

CJ Alumna wins Paralympic Gold Medal

Jen Armbruster (M.A. 2000) recently returned from Beijing, China, for her fifth Paralympic games. Her team won the gold medal in the Goalball competition after defeating the host country of China in the championship game, 6-5.

Jen's team competed in the Atlanta games in 1996, winning a bronze medal, and picked up the silver medal in Athens in 2004. When asked how she feels about finally winning a gold medal after so many years, she said, "To hear your national anthem being played and stand up there with your teammates... words can never describe that. I've always wanted to serve my country just like my father and both of my grandfathers, but when I lost my vision as a teen that wasn't an option. So to put on the red, white, and blue and represent in the only way that I can now is incredible."

Jen works in Birmingham, Alabama, as a recreation specialist with the Lakeshore Foundation—a fitness facility geared toward individuals with physical disabilities and visual impairments, as well as a Paralympic and Olympic training site. "I work with kids through adults in a variety of programs ranging from teaching paddling, rock climbing, goalball, or Judo," she said. She also works with the foundation's program for newly injured soldiers.

Jen married teammate Asya Miller on July 7, 2007. They divide their time between working in Birmingham and visiting their home in Colorado.

Jen has many fond memories of her time at SHSU. "I just returned from Texas to work with a warrior transition unit down on Fort Sam Houston. I was talking about SHSU and the program and that I love what I do in sports, but one day I will probably return to the CJ field. My grad school experience there really challenged me...[and] helped to shape the way I think and feel about a variety of issues and also taught me to respect others' thoughts and issues as well. I grew a lot as an individual while I was attending SHSU." ■



A Tradition of Therapeutic Sports

The Paralympic Games, first organized in 1948, is a multi-sport event for athletes with physical and sensorial disabilities, including those with amputations, blindness, and cerebral palsy. The games are held every four years following the regular Olympic Games and feature events like archery, cycling, swimming, Judo, and table tennis.

Goalball is a team sport for blind athletes involving two teams of three players. The goal is to throw a ball with bells imbedded inside into the opponent's goal. Defending players must follow the ball by sound alone and attempt to block it with their bodies. Goalball was invented in 1946 by Hanz Lorenzen and Sepp Reindle to help with the rehabilitation of visually impaired World War II veterans and has been a regular event at the Paralympic Games since 1980. ■

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In Memoriam

The College mourns the passing of two of our honored alumni.

Larry Alvin Martin passed away September 16, 2008, in the George Community of Madison County, Texas, at the age of 52. Larry worked as a dispatcher for the Sam Houston State University Police Department while attending school here and was later a member of the Sam Houston P.D. After graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Political Science, he applied to and was accepted into the Department of Public Safety. This would be the start of a decades long career with the DPS. In that time Larry served as a State Trooper stationed in Navasota, Conroe, Huntsville, and Austin, where he led his area in DWI arrests. While in Austin, Larry was promoted to the narcotics section of DPS and transferred to Houston, where he was assigned to a Federal/State Drug Task Force. He retired from DPS on August 31, 2008, after a 30-year career in police work.

Larry is survived by his father, Lloyd C. Martin of Huntsville, his brother, Bruce Allan Martin, several nieces and nephews, and his wife Charlotte Barrett Martin, who is also a Sam Houston alumna. Larry and Charlotte began dating and were married while attending school at SHSU. They were married 31 years on September 2, 2008.

Kevin Morris Hired as New University Police Chief

On August 31, Kevin Morris was promoted to Chief of the University Police Department after the retirement of Dennis Culak. Both Kevin and Dennis are alumni of the College of Criminal Justice.

Kevin has two degrees from SHSU, a Bachelor's in Law Enforcement/Police Science (1997) and a Master's in Law Enforcement Leadership and Management (2007). He began with the University Police Department in 1992 as a student assistant writing parking citations. A year later he went to work full time for the department. His promotions include officer in charge/sergeant (2001), lieutenant (2002), captain (2004), and assistant director (2005).

Kevin said he feels fortunate to have worked for two great chiefs of police: Charles W. Tackett and Dennis A. Culak. "I was able to see, hear, and learn from two of the best in providing police services in an academic envi-

ronment," he said. Kevin and his wife, Cheryl, a second grade teacher in the Conroe school district, have three children.

Dennis also earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from SHSU in 1973 and 1975 in law enforcement and police science. His promotion to chief came in June 2005 after service as intern, student assistant, police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, commander, and colonel.

Dennis retires after becoming a grandparent for the third time with the birth of twins, a boy and a girl. "I have enjoyed my 34 years of service to the university and I will continue to bleed orange," he said. "As for the future, I am looking forward to spending some quality time with my family." ■



Kevin Morris



Dennis Culak

State Association Honors Richardson Police Chief

Richardson, Texas, Chief of Police Larry Zacharias was recently honored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association with its Career Achievement Award. Chief Zacharias received the highest level of recognition from his peers for making significant contributions to his profession, personifying what it truly means to be a chief, and being a member in good standing.

Zacharias has emerged as a major leader in working with the State Legislature and serves as the Chairman of the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Legislative Affairs Committee and is considered by many as an expert on legislative issues affecting law enforcement in the State of Texas.

Zacharias has been with the Richardson Police Department for more than 31 years, six as Chief. He graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1975 and served as a Graduate Fellow for the Vice President of University Affairs, 1975 – 1977. ■



Larry Zacharias

ALUMNI UPDATES

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Ross Asher (B.S.'74) is a shareholder in the law firm of Roberts Markel P.C. in Houston. He has been recognized with the rating of AV by Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest award available in peer ratings for both legal proficiency and ethics. Ross has also taught as an adjunct CJ professor for several semesters at SHSU. He is married to the former Dawn Kannady (B.B.A. '87) and is also active in Military Science alumni activities.

Kenneth Cooper (B.S. '86) is currently a police officer in Tulsa, OK, where he has served since January 1987.

G. M. Cox (B.S. '79, M.S. '87) recently retired with the city of Corsicana as a chief where he served for the last 15 years. Within 13 days, he was hired as the new Chief of Police in Murphy, Texas. "If you include the number of days I actually spent in Murphy during the interview process, I was retired less than 8 days," Cox said. "Oh well, life is good, and a lot of it I credit to my Sam Houston SU experience."

Kelly Damphousse (B.S. '87) serves as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences and President's Associates Presidential Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma. He is also the Associate Director of the American Terrorism Study. He recently published "The Dark Side of the Web: Terrorist's Use of the Internet" in *Crimes of the Internet* (edited by Schmalleger and Pittaro, Prentice Hall, 2009). Another paper, "The Life Course of American Eco-Terrorists: Informal and Formal Organizations," will be published in an upcoming issue of *Criminology and Public Policy*. He and his wife (Beth [Smith] Damphousse, B.A.-Music Education, '87) have two daughters (14 and 17 years old).

Robert (Bob) Dring (B.S. '88) is currently employed as Director of Risk Management and Insurance at Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

Craig Hemmens (Ph.D. '98) was recently appointed Director of the Honors College at Boise State University, where he has taught since 1996. Craig has recently coauthored several books, including four books in a series for Sage Publications. These include *Corrections: A Text/Reader*, *Courts: A Text/Reader*, *Juvenile Justice: A Text/Reader*, and *Introduction to Criminology: A Text/Reader*.

Mark Lee Hill (B.S. '94) is married with 2 daughters and living in Tucson, AZ. Mark spent many years with Harris County Pre-Trial doing criminal investigations that were used in court often at trial for some very big felony cases. After 4 years there, he left the industry and became a Sales Manager for Hewlett Packard in New York for many years and now works in the Pharmaceutical Industry.

Polk County Criminal District Attorney **William Lee Hon** (B.S. '87) has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association. In addition, on August 29, 2008, Hon presented a continuing legal education lecture entitled "Dealing with the State's Expert" at the annual meeting of the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation in San Francisco, California.

Mary Lewis (B.S. '88) this June celebrated 20 years with the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General (USDA-OIG). The USDA-OIG investigates food stamp fraud, embezzlement of loan funds by borrowers and/or USDA employees, food safety (meat and poultry product adulteration or tampering), bribery, loan fraud, import/export program fraud, animal fighting, employee misconduct, crop insurance fraud, smuggling, and various other crimes.

Cali Luco (B.A. '05, M.P.A. '08) is currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala. She is working in a Municipal Development program in the El Quiché department of the country and is focusing on the promotion of citizen



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On April 17, 2008, Army Special Forces Staff Sergeant **Jason Logan Brown**, 29, died in action in Sama Village, Iraq. Jason was engaged in combat and was killed by a burst of small arms fire as he attempted to capture an Al-Qaeda leader. Jason was a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) based at Fort Campbell Army Post in Kentucky. He was serving his second tour in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Jason graduated from SHSU in 2002 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He volunteered for enlistment in the Army on March 25, 2003, as a candidate for Special Forces and earned the coveted Green Beret in 2004. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Master Parachutist Badge, and Special Forces Tab among many others.

Jason is survived by a daughter, Alyssa Gomez; his parents, James C. and Rosemary Brown; sister Lindsay Lam; and grandmother Emma Lee Brown. The pride of Jason and his family was his service to his country as a Green Beret. Full military honors were performed at a memorial service at First Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma, before interment at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. ■

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graduation, he moved to Tennessee to complete a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In 1970, he returned to Huntsville where Dr. George Killinger hired him as an Assistant Professor in the newly-formed Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences, now the College of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Bramlett taught penology and criminology at the College until retiring in 2005 because of health issues. In his 35 years of service to the College of Criminal Justice, he influenced untold numbers of students who were pursuing careers in criminal justice.

Dr. Bramlett is survived by his wife, Ann; his son, Bill Bramlett; his daughters, Christina Swenson and Dawn Chrane; his grandchildren, Theron Chrane, Ann Chrane, Cary Swenson, Walker Swenson, Ava Bramlett, Audrey Bramlett, and Ashley Bramlett. ■

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participation. She is also developing and supporting programs to better the lives of women and children in her village and learning K'iche, a language indigenous to Guatemala.

Michael Lytle joined the full-time faculty at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College as an assistant master technical instructor, where he teaches in the new academic program in forensic investigation. Lytle is a criminalist and forensic educator who started the forensic program at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. He retired from a Washington, D.C. consulting practice and has been a visiting assistant professor at UTB/TSC for two years. Professor Lytle is designated a Distinguished Alumnus of Sam Houston State University where the LTC Michael A. Lytle '77 Academic Prize in Forensic Science is named for him. He received his graduate certificate from the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences at SHSU in 1977.

D. J. Mallinger (B.S. '95) is currently employed with the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Austin, TX.

Tammy M. Malone (Woods) (B.S. '93) is currently the Site Manager of the Boys and Girls Home of Nebraska, Inc. The Home is comparable to what in Texas is referred to as a juvenile detention center, only in Nebraska it is considered a transitional temporary shelter, because they also house youth in transition for safe keeping. Tammy has lived in Nebraska since August 2005.



Malone (Woods)

Andrew D. Martin, Attorney, (B.S. '90) was appointed this November by Mayor Bill White to serve as a substitute Municipal Court Judge for the City of Houston Municipal Courts. Andrew is a practicing attorney in Texas with a concentration in Harris and Walker counties.

Dennis A. McAfee (B.S. '77, M.A. '85) is now a juvenile outreach officer with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. He created the Truancy Abatement Assistance Program, which

is beginning its 11th year in a 4-phase program to assist public and private schools with education and enforcement to encourage kids to make good choices and stay in school.

Lisa Ivie Miller (M.S. '95) is serving as the Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner in Austin, Texas. She was reappointed by Governor Rick Perry September 11, 2007, for a term of 4 years.

Eric M. Pedersen (B.S. '96) is an active duty Lieutenant in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He is currently the Senior Prosecuting Trial Counsel and Military Justice Department Head at Region Legal Service Office Northwest and an Adjunct Professor at Chapman University where he teaches classes in criminal justice and political science. He recently published an article titled, "The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and its Impact on Business Operations in China," in the *Hofstra University Journal of International Business Law*. LT Pedersen was awarded the Navy-League Outstanding Military Professional Award in May 2008, and has also been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is married to **Heather (Nyman) Pedersen** (B.A. '96). They have a son and a daughter and reside in the Seattle, Washington, area.

James W. (Jim) Robinson (B.S. '72, M.A. '74) was recently asked by the Harris County District Attorney's Office to head an interagency tax fraud task force which will be housed at the Harris County Appraisal District. Jim served 12 years on the director's staff of the Texas Department of Public Safety and 8 years with a concurrent appointment to the faculty at Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State). He left DPS to become deputy director of the Texas State Property Tax Board and later was named that agency's executive director. Since 1990, he has been chief appraiser of the Harris County Appraisal District—the nation's second largest property tax administration agency. He also served 27 years as a citizen-soldier, retiring at the rank of major general as commander of the Texas State Guard.

Joanna Shaw (Rose) (B.A. '07) has entered Liberty University's graduate program to receive an M.A. in Professional Counseling. She has also accepted a teaching position in South Korea, for which she leaves in January.

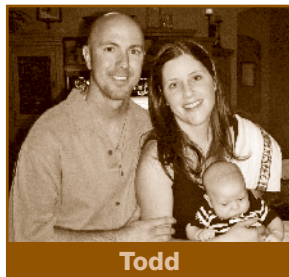
Jeffery "Randy" Shelton (B.S. '81) is now a judge on the 279th District Court, Beaumont, Texas.

Alfred R. Silva (B.A. '94) is currently a major in the U.S. Army. He has served 19 years in the Active Duty Army as an Aviator and is married to Paula E. Silva. They have two daughters, Meghan and Jourdan Silva.

Emmett Solomon (M.A. '72) received the Lifetime Service Award from the Institute of Prison Ministries at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College, on October 14 for his "tireless devotion to ministry and for being a shining example for others to follow." He was the Director of Chaplains for TDCJ before his retirement and is currently the Ex. Director of the Restorative Justice Ministries Network in Huntsville, TX.

Marcus Teske (B.S. '02), who is currently an officer with the Oak Ridge North Police Department, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Montgomery County, Texas, Hospital District. This award is the highest the hospital district presents and was presented to Marcus and his colleague Ralph Craig for their work with the Mother's Day drowning incident. Last year Marcus was also recognized for saving an invalid in a house fire—going into the house while it was burning and carrying the man out with his partner.

Michelle Todd (M.A. '02) married Thomas Anderson in September 2004 and welcomed a son, Jack, in August 2008. The Andersons reside in Maricopa, Arizona, where Michelle is employed by the State of Arizona as the Senior Research Analyst for the Department of Juvenile Corrections. Thomas is a Police Officer with the City of Casa Grande.



Todd

Chad Willie (B.S. '95) is currently a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Chad was awarded the U.S. Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Public Service Award on May 2, 2008, for a narcotics arrest in Newport News, VA. The U.S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia nominated Chad for the award. Handguns, bullet proof vests, and narcotics were recovered during the arrest, and three individuals were convicted of multiple felony charges, including manufacture and sale of narcotics and possession of handguns by felons. The individuals arrested were well-known gang members of the 18th Street Gang, Newport News, VA.

Rob Worley (M.A. '01, Ph.D. '06) and **Vidishu Barua** (Ph.D. '08) were recently married. They are both currently employed at Penn State Altoona. Rob and two other alumni—**Dr. Donna Vandiver** (Ph.D. '02) and **Dr. Kelly Cheeseman-Dial** (M.A. '99, Ph.D. '06)—had an article titled, "A qualitative assessment of registered female sex offenders: Judicial processing experiences and perceived effects of a public registry" published recently in the *Criminal Justice Review*, which is one of the top peer-reviewed journals in the CJ field. The study is, to date, the only paper that employs a qualitative analysis of female sex offenders' experiences with the public sex offender registration. Rob is also proud that 2008 is the 2nd year that the Bob Worley and Lonnie Gisi Criminal Justice Scholarship was awarded. The recipient was Mr. Chad Cryer. ■

We want to hear from you and share your news and accomplishments. Please send alumni news to Gloria "Cutty" Gilbert (cutty@shsu.edu) or mail your news to College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX 77341-2296.

Alum Cited in National News

Minwoo Yun (Ph.D. '06) was mentioned in a recent Associated Press article titled, "Iraq Calmer but Copycat Kidnappings Spread." The article, by AP writer Pamela Hess, deals with the use of kidnapping as a terrorist tactic, which has increased 500% worldwide since 2004. The article reads: "Citizens of countries that have sent troops to Iraq or Afghanistan also face a higher risk of execution, according to Minwoo Yun, a social scientist at Wheeling Jesuit University who has studied public data on terrorist hostage-taking." Minwoo worked for the Institute for the Study of Violent Groups while a student at Sam Houston. The AP article was reprinted in the *New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Newseek*, *Fox News*, *MSNBC*, and the *Washington Post*. ■

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