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Forensic Science Grad Students Cap Learning Experience with Internships

Through curriculum, faculty, and hands-on experience, students are effective in both theory and practice well before receiving their degrees.

Housed in an \$18-million facility and outfitted with state-of-the-art tools—including \$500,000 in equipment added over the summer—the College of Criminal Justice forensic science labs may seem like something out of an episode of TV’s *CSI*.

But students in the Master of Forensic Science program are far removed from fantasy. Through a model curriculum that will be submitted for accreditation by the American Academy for Forensic Science in February 2008, exposure to full-time faculty

with expertise in the field, and internships that provide hands-on experience, they are effective in both theory and practice well before they receive their degrees.

According to director Dr. Sarah Kerrigan, a forensic toxicologist who has helmed the Master of Forensic Science program since January 2006, its goal is to develop professionals who are “truly functional.” The curriculum, which focuses on research, development, and method of validation, was recently expanded by

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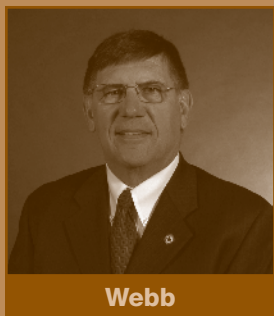
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Dean's
Message

As we begin the 2007-2008 Academic Year, we're pleased to announce the launch of additional innovative programs and projects at the College of Criminal Justice and the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center, including the implementation of one of our signature programs, the Master of Forensic Science. Backed by substantial investments in both faculty and equipment, this program has become exceptionally popular. In fact, competition for admission is intense, with applications exceeding admissions by a ratio of 4 to 1.

The lead article in this edition of the Mandate describes the main features of the Master of Forensic Science program.

A new and possibly unique program that was developed during the past academic year is the Institute for Legal Studies in Criminal Justice (ILSCJ). The Institute was created to produce a new generation of criminal justice scholars who focus their work on the nexus between criminal law and

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seven courses, including forensic DNA, trace evidence and microscopic analysis, toxicology, forensic anthropology and forensic instrumental analysis. Faculty members—all full-time instructors—are practitioners who can provide students with more than just the academic skills they need to succeed. The lab's hardware and software is identical to that routinely used in agencies throughout the U.S.; Kerrigan believes that no other academic program is as well-equipped.

**STUDENT INTERNS
PERFORM MEANINGFUL RESEARCH
IN THEIR AGENCIES**

A 10-week internship between the first and second years of study is the capstone experience for most students, Kerrigan said. Unlike some internships where the student is merely assigned simple tasks, College masters candidates find themselves fully engaged in the organizations in which they work.

"Most of our students are assigned research projects at their respective agencies because they have been exposed to a wide range of disciplines during the first year of study and have developed some level of technical competence," Kerrigan said.

"The internship is so tied in with everything we do. We prepare for it as much as we do for a job. In fact, half of the students who interned in summer 2007 came back with informal job offers," she added.

Coral Luce interned with the police department in her hometown of San Diego, CA, where she worked in the forensic biology lab. She performed a validation of a new DNA kit called MiniFiler, which is used to detect highly degraded DNA. Her final presentation included a 538-page study report.

"Being able to communicate to the DNA analysts about my project and have it well-received" was a high point of her experience, she said.

Luce is interested in working for the San Diego Police Department after she earns her Master's degree. She said being able to "get my foot in the door so they could see my potential," was invaluable.

Adriana Perez, who interned in the DNA section of the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Austin, was similarly impressed by her experience. She designed and carried out a validation study to observe the use of –A extensions utilizing the AmpF1STR Identifier PCR amplification kit.

"I enjoyed sitting alongside the analysts while they were screening evidence,"

Faculty in the Master of Forensic Science program have combined expertise in controlled substances, toxicology, DNA, trace, CSI, pattern evidence, forensic anthropology, quality assurance, laboratory accreditation and crime lab management. Director Kerrigan is a Scotland Yard veteran who also served as a toxicologist for the California Department of Justice and was toxicology bureau chief for the New Mexico Department of Health Scientific Laboratory Division. New faculty include Dr. Joan Bytheway, a forensic anthropologist who worked on the Iraqi mass graves; forensic DNA expert Dr. David Gangitano, formerly with the Argentine Federal Police; and Dr. Jorn Yu, a forensic chemist with trace/pattern expertise who was with the Taipei Police Department.

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she said. "This allowed me to learn more about presumptive testing for the presence of blood, sperm and/or semen. I learned tips of the trade in addition to seeing how one handles evidence testing and the entire steps from beginning to end, from screening to lab work to translating these results in a case report."

Faculty contacts with crime labs and agencies across the U.S. have led to a three-fold increase in the number of internships available. The program currently partners with Texas and out-of-state employers, including:

- Ameritox, LTD, Midland
- Bexar County Forensic Science Center, San Antonio
- College Station Police Department, College Station
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) South Central Laboratory, Dallas
- Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston
- Harris County Medical Examiner's Office, Houston
- Indentigene, Inc., Houston
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Conroe
- Texas Department of Public Safety- Austin Crime Laboratory, Austin
- Texas Department of Public Safety-Houston Regional Crime Lab, Houston
- Colorado Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory, Denver, CO
- County of San Diego, Medical Examiner's Office, San Diego, CA
- Federal Aviation Administration Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, Oklahoma City, OK
- Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Erie Co. Medical Examiners Office, Buffalo, NY
- Los Angeles County Department of Coroner, Los Angeles, CA
- Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner, Miami, FL
- New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, NY
- North Carolina Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Toxicology Laboratory, Chapel Hill, NC
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Regional Forensic Science Center, Wichita, KS
- San Diego Police Department, San Diego, CA
- Ventura County Sheriff (Forensic Sciences Laboratory), Ventura, CA
- Washington State Patrol Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau, Seattle, WA



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criminal justice policy. The Institute emphasizes training doctoral students to engage in social science research on the interplay between criminal law and policy.

Our Police Research Center continues to sponsor several programs that provide faculty and students with unique research opportunities while at the same time offering police agencies essential information. An example of this is the Tarrant County Regional Demonstration Project that pools information from seven police agencies once every 24 hours, enabling them access to critical information about criminal incidents and offenders. This same database provides researchers with a rich opportunity to explore crime diffusion across adjacent jurisdictions, as well as potential cross-jurisdiction benefits arising from different types of police strategies and tactics.

These and several other programs are described in detail in this edition of *The Mandate*. I hope you enjoy learning more about some of the recent activities in the College of Criminal Justice, and I look forward to providing updates on these and others programs in future editions of *The Mandate*. ■

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Internship Program Matches Students with Federal, State and Local Agencies

Helping students at all levels find suitable internships has been part of the College of Criminal Justice mission since 1969. Dr. James A. Barrum, who has coordinated the internship program for more than a decade, works to match students with federal and other agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Secret Service.

Barrum screens prospective interns then makes recommendations to the agencies. Some agencies, such as FLETC and the FBI Honors Program, are extremely involved in the selection process, while others are likely to depend more or less on Barrum's referral.

Among other benefits, "it gives agencies a chance to look at prospective hires," he added, noting that 40 to 50 percent of students eventually go to work for the agency with which they interned.

Internships are offered as an elective all three semesters. About 150 students, 90 percent of them undergraduates, participate each year.

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Senior Earns Highly Competitive FLETC Internship

Earning a coveted spot as an intern with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) has given Stephanie Oakley a chance to "better myself to become a future federal agent," the senior Criminal Justice major said.

FLETC is an interagency law enforcement training organization for more than 80 Federal agencies. The Center also provides services to state, local, and international law enforcement agencies. Oakley spent three months at FLETC's Georgia headquarters last spring.

To become an intern, a student must pass a rigorous screening process that judges their resume, GPA and a narrative essay, among other qualifications. Oakley was one of only six interns from across the U.S. selected for the spring session. Since 1995, the College has placed 12 undergraduates and one graduate student in a FLETC internship.

Oakley, who will graduate in December, participated in the pilot testing of several programs and auditing courses. She said the internship far exceeded her

expectations and has given her an insider's perspective on some of the agencies she hopes eventually to work for.

"I was given the opportunity to not only participate and train alongside agents, but I was able to contribute to a new program that will be integrated into future training programs," she said.

"After spending three months at FLETC I feel I have a better understanding than most college students of federal law enforcement. I received training that improved me both personally and professionally," she added. "I know I have a better idea of what agencies expect. I know what training to expect. And I know I have what it takes."

After graduation, Oakley will pursue a Master's degree in criminal justice. ■



Stephanie Oakley in a training simulator at FLETC.

Developing Legal Scholars within Criminal Justice Focus of New College Institute

Designed to promote legal scholarship in criminal justice and the social sciences, the Institute for Legal Studies in Criminal Justice (ILSCJ) was launched by the College of Criminal Justice in February.

Advancing the relationship between criminal justice and law in both academia and the field is the purpose of the Institute for Legal Studies in Criminal Justice (ILSCJ), a program of the College of Criminal Justice inaugurated in February.

According to co-director Dr. Michael S. Vaughn, ILSCJ is designed to help Ph.D. students develop legal scholarship and become more attuned to how the law works within the social sciences and criminal justice.

“The main purpose of the ILSCJ is mentoring Ph.D. students so they can create their own independent scholarly agendas to publish articles in peer-reviewed journals,” Vaughn said. ILSCJ seeks to create Ph.D. students who “believe in themselves as legal scholars” capable of

integrating social science research into law, he added.

PROGRAM UNIQUE AMONG PEERS

The idea for ILSCJ began with Dr. Rolando V. del Carmen, its co-director. In addition to del Carmen and Vaughn, the ILSCJ is staffed by law faculty D.C. Jim Dozier, Jerry L. Dowling, Margo L. Frazier, and Phillip Lyons, and Ph.D. research assistants Sam Swindell, Claire Nolasco, and Ling Wu.

Although there other schools integrating law into criminal justice, Vaughn says the ILSCJ is unique in its approach and breadth.

“Some law schools have similar programs, but few criminal justice and/or criminology programs have such entities as we intend to build our program,” he said.

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The internship is a structured, formal program. Field visits are made to ensure the agency has involved the student in a professional role. In addition, students must complete a number of written requirements detailing their experiences. Interns earn nine credits for working a 40-hour week for one semester.

Barrum said he encourages students to look beyond the U.S. borders for opportunities, at international agencies such as Scotland Yard or Interpol.

“We can make it happen,” he said. ■



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Lyons and Titterington Promoted to Professor of Criminal Justice

Two College of Criminal Justice faculty members have been promoted to the position of Professor of Criminal Justice.

Phillip Lyons, J.D., Ph.D., and Victoria Titterington, Ph.D., both joined the College in 1995. Their promotions were effective with the 2007-2008 academic year.



Lyons

Lyons' teaching specialty is the interface between social science and the legal system, particularly psychology and criminal justice. His classes include "Public Policy," "Survey of Research Methods" and "Fundamentals of Criminal Law."

Lyons also serves as the Executive Director for the Texas Regional Center for Policing Innovation (TRCPI) and is the author of dozens of scholarly and professional works, including books, book chapters, and journal articles.

Lyons earned his J.D. and M.A. and Ph.D. in forensic psychology from the University of Nebraska.

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In addition to increasing faculty mentorship of students on legal research and publication, ILSCJ will identify issues that influence the teaching of law in criminal justice programs and work to bridge the gap between academia and the fields of criminal justice and law.

WORKING TOWARD A NATIONAL PRESENCE

In its brief tenure, the ILSCJ has made meaningful progress toward its goals. Activities have included launching a national survey of criminal justice administrators and faculty on the science of teaching law; coordinating a panel of national experts on legal pedagogy at the 2007 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) meeting; creating and supervising five panels of 15 Ph.D. students at that meeting; and the formation of a collaborative relationship on a Ph.D. dissertation with the College's Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT).



Going forward, the ILSCJ plans to:

- Enhance publications resulting from mentorship with students.
- Raise the national visibility of ILSCJ in the criminal justice academic community.
- Create panels at the 2008 ACJS meeting focusing on criminal justice and law.
- Continue a national dialogue within criminal justice academe on issues of legal pedagogy.
- Expand the number of substantive research projects on criminal justice and law.
- Conduct further research on legal pedagogy.
- Explore possible legally-oriented academic programs within the College.
- Present the results of the national survey on legal pedagogy at the 2008 ACJS meeting.
- Increase collaboration with the College's Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) and LEMIT.
- Reach out to alumni to establish joint research projects.

Among the fundamental features of the new ILSCJ are research and mentorship, which are reflected by presentation in scholarly conference and submission of articles for publication.

Since it was established in February, twenty-six doctoral students have been mentored through the ILSCJ. ■

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Titterington

Titterington, who rejoined the College faculty in 2005 after a one-year hiatus, specializes in criminological theory, criminology and social deviance. Her course titles include "Advanced Criminological Theory" and "Criminal Deviance." She is currently developing a course related to aging and crime.

Titterington's academic research has focused on homicide, particularly intimate partner killing, as well as health conditions of female prisoners and the intersection of crime and aging. Her work has appeared in such publications as the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Violence and Victims*, *Homicide Studies*, and *Gender and Society*.

In addition to a Ph.D. in sociology, Titterington holds masters degrees in both social work and business administration. ■

Rolando del Carmen Wins Regents Professorship Award

PROFESSOR HONORED FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

Distinguished Professor Dr. Rolando del Carmen, a faculty member of the College of Criminal Justice since 1974, has received the Texas State University System Regents Professorship Award.

The award recognizes exemplary performance and contributions to the educational community at large.

Highly respected in the classroom, del Carmen teaches some of the most demanding courses in the College. His instruction style is widely noted among criminal justice scholars and has been

(1997), and the Founder's Award for contributions to the ACJS and the field of criminal justice (2005).

Through his work on legal issues in criminal justice, del Carmen has established an international reputation. He pioneered an entire area of research in criminal justice when he produced his seminal work on civil liability. Reviewers have called Dr. del Carmen's book, *Criminal Procedure: Law and Practice*, "eminently practical...(and) known for its relevance to law enforcement officials and professionals in the field." Now in its seventh edition, it is the most-widely read book on

the subject. It has been translated into Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

He is also the author or co-author of another 33 books and numerous book chapters, articles, government publications, and reports. His presentations, workshops, and seminars have taken him across Texas, throughout the

U.S., and to a number of other countries. He has been a consultant to governments and agencies here and abroad.

According to his colleague, Dr. Michael Vaughn, who nominated him for the Regents Professorship Award, "del Carmen...has been at the forefront of the effort in the criminal justice academic community to make the system of criminal justice more scientific, objective,

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honored extensively. He received the first Faculty Excellence in Research Award presented by Sam Houston State University, in 1986, and the Piper Foundation Award, a coveted state honor that recognizes superior teaching at the college level, in 1998. He is one of only two professors to receive all three awards given by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): the Academy Fellow Award (1990), the Bruce Smith Sr. Award, the ACJS' highest honor

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competent, and responsive to real-world concerns.”

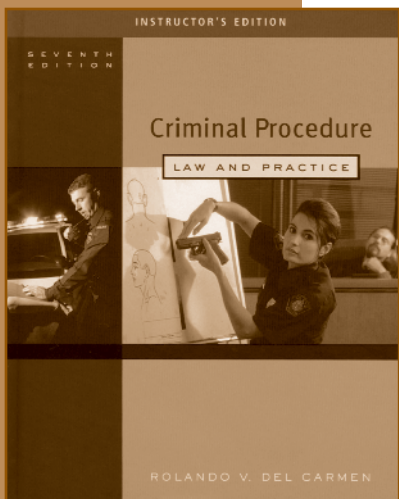
“It is difficult to adequately describe his total contribution to the criminal justice community: his unwavering devotion to teaching, his eternal positive attitude, his unrelenting work-ethic, his ability to find consensus among colleagues, his efforts to make arcane legal doctrine accessible to practitioners, and the way he has shaped the careers of countless students who have gone on to become leaders in the discipline,” Vaughn wrote in his nomination.

Del Carmen said he was honored and humbled by the award.

“I never thought I would receive such an honor in my professional career,” he said, thanking his colleagues and former graduate students for their support and giving University administrators kudos for encouraging quality teaching and research at the College.

Del Carmen holds a B.A. and a bachelor of laws degree from the Philippines; a master of comparative law from Southern

Methodist University; a master of laws from the University of California at Berkeley; and a doctor of science of law from the University of Illinois. He was assistant dean and associate professor of a school of law in the Philippines and held various administrative and academic positions in the U.S. before joining the College. ■



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University Hosts High School Criminal Justice Competition

Crime scenes were taped off in the University Hotel. While cars were being stopped and searched in pursuit of two armed robbery suspects, other investigators were assessing a domestic dispute.

While it appeared that the Sam Houston State University campus had been overtaken by chaos for two days in early May, the incidents were actually being handled by College of Criminal Justice students helping with the Texas Public Service Association (TPSA) state-wide competition for high schoolers.

On May 3 and 4, some 75 students representing 11 high schools from the Rio Grande Valley to the Oklahoma border assembled at SHSU for the TPSA's first annual state competition. The teenagers were tested in a forensic investigation crime scene, felony traffic stop, criminal analysis and obstacle course, among other events.

College undergraduate and graduate students served as coordinators, judges, moderators, actors, and timers for the contest. Organizers said the event also provided an opportunity for College students to mentor the younger participants.

According to TPSA board chair Kevin Jacobson, the competition provided a venue for high school students interested

in criminal justice to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in law, public safety, corrections, and security.

TPSA board member and College alumnus Guy Taylor, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement and police science in 1983 and now teaches criminal justice and law at Burnet High School in Burnet, called the exposure for both the high school students and SHSU a "win-win situation."

"Coming to the college campus where our students can become familiar with what the program offers is a great experience for them," he said. "And by helping us with events like this, Sam Houston State is doing its part to help us prepare these bright kids for coming to college."

TPSA provides opportunities for students in public service education to work together collaboratively through innovative leadership and career development conferences. ■

Providing professional training for secondary school criminal justice instructors is a continuing activity for the College of Criminal Justice. In February, the College sponsored its first annual High School Criminal Justice Instructor Training program, "Emerging Issues in Criminal Justice," which dealt with such topics as drug use and abuse, victimology, mental illness and criminal justice and forensic science. The program attracted thirty-eight teachers from across Texas. Instructors who are also licensed peace officers were eligible for eight hours of Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer and Standards Education credit. ■



ACADEMICS

New Faculty Profiles

**GAYLENE STYVE ARMSTRONG,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

Dr. Armstrong joined the faculty as Associate Professor and Research Director for the Correctional Management Institute of Texas. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. She has published two books as well as numerous articles in refereed journals such as *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice Review*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Crime and Delinquency*. Dr. Armstrong was awarded the Academy of Experimental Criminology's Young Experimental Scholar Award in 2007, the American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing Young Scholar Award in 2004, and in 2003 was nominated for the Carnegie Foundation's U.S. Professor of the year Award for excellence in teaching. She previously taught as assistant professor at Southern Illinois University and Arizona State University West. Dr. Armstrong's ongoing research projects include an experiment of involving the use of GPS monitoring of offenders in a jail-based re-entry program in Maricopa County, Arizona, and an evaluation of the influence of labor contracts on PREA-related issues for prison administrators.

TODD A. ARMSTRONG, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. Armstrong joined the faculty fall 2007 as an Associate Professor. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice and his B.A. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He

has previously taught at Southern Illinois University and Arizona State University as an Assistant Professor. He was awarded the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Anderson Paper Award in 2003 and the ASU West Partnership for Community Development Faculty Fellowship in 2001. His work has appeared in *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime and Delinquency*, and *Journal of School Violence*, among others. His current research interests include Criminal Justice Policy and Program Evaluation, Criminological Theory, and Offense Patterns with an emphasis on understanding changes in specialization over the life-course.

DAVID ATILIO GANGITANO, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr. Gangitano is a biological analyst with extensive experience in molecular biology and analytical biological chemistry. He was formerly a Research Associate at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and has also previously worked as a Forensic Chemist and Forensic Molecular Biology Scientist with the Federal Police/ Atomic Energy Commission—Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr. Gangitano received his Ph.D. in Toxicology and Forensic Medicine from the School of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2004, as well as his B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Buenos Aires. He has published scientific papers in *The Journal of Forensic Science*, *Thyroid*, and *Neurochemistry International*.



Armstrong



Armstrong



Gangitano

WILLIAM WELLS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. Wells earned his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1999, his M.A. in Criminal Justice from Indiana University in 1995, and his B.A. with Honors in Psychology from Ohio University in 1993. He previously taught at the Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he also served as Interim Director and Graduate Program Director. He received a National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship in 1998 and has work published or forthcoming in such journals as *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Police Quarterly*, *Western Criminology Review*, and *Criminology*, among others. He served as Associate Editor of *Justice Quarterly* from 2003-2005 and Co-Book Review Editor of *The Criminologist* from 1996-1997. He is currently on the Editorial Board of *Criminal Justice Policy Review* and First Vice President of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. His research interests include Firearm Crime and Criminal Justice Responses, Community Policing, and Program and Policy Evaluation.

JIHONG (SOLOMON) ZHAO, PROFESSOR

Dr. Zhao joined the faculty as Professor. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1994 and his M.A. in Criminal Justice in 1990, both from Washington State University. He taught previously at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Washington State University, and Shanghai College of Police, and served as Senior Research Analyst for the Bureau of Research, Ohio Department of Correction. He received a Fulbright award

in 1987-1988 and a Fulbright Senior Specialist award in 2004. He also received the Annual Award for Distinguished Research from the University of Nebraska in 2003. Dr. Zhao has authored, co-authored, or edited three books on community policing and contemporary policing issues. He has also published numerous papers in refereed journals such as *Police Quarterly*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Social Science Research*, and many others. He is currently Associate Editor for *Justice Quarterly*, and is a reviewer for nine scholarly journals, including *Criminology*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Criminal Justice Review*.



Wells



Zhao

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Students, Alumni Honored, Fallen Colleagues Remembered

College Alum
Receives
EKU Highest
Teaching Honor

Dr. Victor Kappeler (Ph.D. '88) is one of two professors to receive Eastern Kentucky University's (EKU) highest honor for teaching excellence.

Kappeler, a professor in criminal justice and police studies, received a 2007-09 EKU Foundation Professorship, awarded to those who "demonstrate outstanding abilities in the three primary roles of a faculty member: teaching, service, and research."

Among other honors, Kappeler received the SHSU Outstanding Criminal Justice Alumnus Award in 2005.

Kappeler has written nine textbooks that are commonly used by leading universities worldwide. He is recognized as a leading scholar in policing, media and the social construction of crime, and police civil liability, among other related fields. ■

Thursday, April 26, was marked by celebration and remembrances at the College of Criminal Justice as it held Awards Day, the Leadership Luncheon, and the Sundial Ceremony.

The College presented sixty-four scholarships to the most academically gifted students and recognized 120 honor students at the Honors Convocation, which was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Tory Caeti. Arizona State University Professor Dr. Nancy Rodriguez, who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in 1992, was the guest speaker. Dr. Rodriguez's research interests include sentencing policies, juvenile court processes, substance abuse prevention and restorative justice. An author and editor, she was nominated for ASU's Professor of the Year award in 2007.

Dr. Peter Kraska, who received his Ph.D. in criminal justice from SHSU in 1989, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award during the Leadership Luncheon. Kraska's research interests include the nature and importance of real-world theory as examined through the government's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster; the trend to criminalize risky and negligent behaviors as an adaptation to late-modern social conditions; and the blurring distinction between the police and military in the wars on drugs and terrorism. Kraska is currently a professor at Eastern Kentucky University.

Criminal justice alumni and other law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty were commemorated at the early-afternoon Sundial Ceremony, which was attended by students, faculty, and staff. ■



Peter Kraska (left) receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2007-2008

Alpha Phi Sigma Scholarship
Brandon Ashley Memorial Scholarship
Shane Bennett Memorial Scholarship
Dan Richard Beto Scholarship in Correctional Leadership
George J. Beto Memorial Scholarship
James C. Boswell Memorial Scholarship
Tom Broussard, Ph.D. Memorial 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 Endowed Scholarship
Justin DeSpain Memorial Scholarship
Clay Dyer Graduate Scholarship
Clay Dyer Undergraduate Scholarship
Michelle Edwards Memorial Scholarship
O.B. Ellis and J. Phillip Gibbs Memorial Scholarship

Margaret Farnworth Graduate Scholarship
Charles M. Friel Endowment Scholarship
R. W. Gordy Memorial Scholarship

Jared Grant Memorial Scholarship
Kelly Harris Memorial Scholarship
Lt. Colon E. "Tate" Jordan, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
George G. & Grace D. Killinger Memorial Scholarship
LTC. Michael A. Lytle Prize in Forensic Science
Merlyn D. Moore Criminal Justice Scholarship
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College Helps Polish Police Explore U.S. Criminal Justice System

SWISS, ITALIAN OFFICERS ALSO VISIT, TOUR SOUTHEAST TEXAS AGENCIES

As part of a long-standing relationship between the College of Criminal Justice and the Polish National Police, fifteen high-ranking Polish officers visited Texas this year to learn about the U.S. criminal justice system and the inner workings of state agencies.

For ten years, the College has hosted Polish delegations and sent students and officers to Poland. Recently, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) began participating in the exchange agreement through the International Police Program.

The Polish delegates visited the Houston FBI office, several community police and sheriff's departments, the Walls Unit, and Harris County Jail and attended lectures by College and LEMIT instructors.

In September, LEMIT also hosted high-ranking Italian and Swiss officers who were participating in the International Police Program. The delegates spent several days with LEMIT's elite Leadership Command College Module and visited law enforcement agencies across southeast Texas.



Service Learning Nets Students National Accolades

The 49 students in adjunct professor Stephanie Frogge's spring 2007 victimology class were featured for their community service work in the March Service Learning Spotlight of the American Democracy Project—a nationwide program sponsored jointly by the American Association of State Colleges and the *New York Times* that motivates young people to participate in civic life.

Frogge requires undergraduates in all of her victim-related classes to complete ten hours of field work with an agency that serves crime victims, then write a reflection paper detailing their experiences. The students who were honored had volunteered at agencies, police departments, and district attorneys' offices in Huntsville, Bryan/College Station, and other locations across Texas. They performed a wide range of duties, from answering hotlines and doing basic office work to providing child-care and transportation. Many students,

including Victim Studies major Kimberly Zipperer, continued to volunteer after their assignment was complete.

Zipperer worked with the Montgomery County Women's Center, primarily organizing and assisting with childcare activities. She said she chose the center to gain an insight into how it serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence. In addition to being personally satisfying, she described her experiences there as good preparation for her professional future.

"I think volunteer work is something that's required of all of us," Frogge said. "Students who are in the habit are more likely to do that after college, and I do think that we have some responsibility to promote that, both as part of the college experience [and] in anticipation of students continuing to move into leadership roles in their own communities post college." ■



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College Faculty and Students Publish Cutting-edge Research

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ROBERT GLENN MORRIS

"Identity Theives: An Exploration of Offenders, Tactics, and Media Constructions"

Chaired by Dr. Dennis R. Longmire

DAVID WILLIAM WEBB

"The Efficacy of the Use of Competency Based Frameworks to Improve Police Performance"

Chaired by Dr. Richard H. Ward

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"Digital Crime Investigation Trends in State and Local Law Enforcement"

Chaired by Dr. Larry T. Hoover

PRAPON SAHAPATTANA

"An Analysis of Convenience Store Robbery: Social Disorganization and Routine Activity Approaches"

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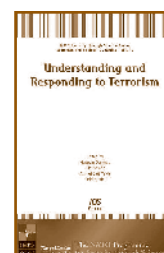
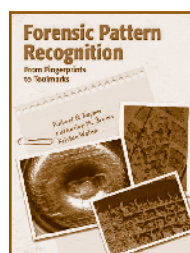
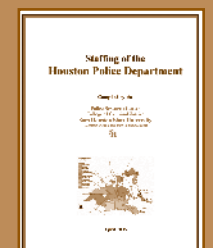
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Services Delivery in Texas:
A Mixed Method Design
Study"
Chaired by Dr. Glen A. Kercher ■



College Plays Key Role in Federal *Project Safe Neighborhoods* Initiative to Reduce Gun Crime

As administrator of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative for Texas' Southern District of the United States Attorneys' Office, the College of Criminal Justice is a key player in the fight to reduce gun crime in one of the nation's largest and most critical hotspots of gun- and gang-related violence.

The College has served as the District's PSN fiscal agent and program analyst/evaluator since 2003. In that time, it has administered a budget exceeding \$3.5 million and monitored the efforts of 20 criminal justice agencies and social service providers.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in the U.S. by supporting local projects. Strategies include interrupting sources of illegal guns, deterring illegal gun possession and carrying, responding to illegal gun use, and providing educational

materials and alternative prevention. Since 2001, the Bush Administration has committed more than \$1.5 billion to the effort with funding used to hire federal and state prosecutors, support investigators, deter juvenile gun crime, and promote community outreach efforts.

Since 2003, the College of Criminal Justice has overseen a budget of \$3.5 million and monitored the efforts of 20 criminal justice agencies and social service providers for the Texas Southern District of the United States Attorneys' Office.

Because it contains Houston, the nation's fourth largest city, and areas along the Texas/Mexico border, the Southern District presents unique challenges to PSN grantees. However, all of the major strategies established by the U.S. Attorney General's Office are underway. The Texas Office of the Attorney General, for example, has developed a multi-vol-

ume CD program entitled "Consequences" now utilized in more than 500 Texas school districts and social service agencies. Inter-agency initiatives aimed at reducing violent crime and giving local prosecutors' offices increased prosecution alternatives include a pairing of Houston Police Department officers with ATF agents in high-crime districts 17 and 19.

Additional information about Project Safe Neighborhoods is available at <http://www.psn.gov/about/index.html>. ■



Research

Crime Victims' Institute Studies Stalking, Services

The Crime Victims' Institute (CVI) recently published reports that revealed surprising statistics about stalking and illustrated the need for more staffing and funding to keep pace with greater demand for victim services.

Stalking in Texas, which was based on telephone interviews with a random sample of more than 700 state residents, indicated that a higher than anticipated number of respondents – about 18 percent – said they had been stalked during the previous 24 months. According to the study, stalking victims are most likely to be under 35 years of age and single or never married. Men (16 percent) and women (19.9 percent) were about equally likely to be stalked, which is contrary to what has been reported elsewhere. Fifty-seven percent of stalking victims said they were acquainted with the offender; in 26 percent of cases the offender was a male acquaintance, and this was true for both men and women. Stalking is often preceded by violence between the victim and offender: of those who previously knew the offender, 61.6 percent reported prior violence by him or her. Only 43 percent of victims reported the incidents to the police.

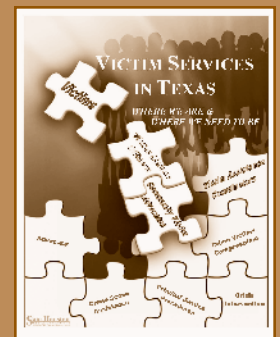
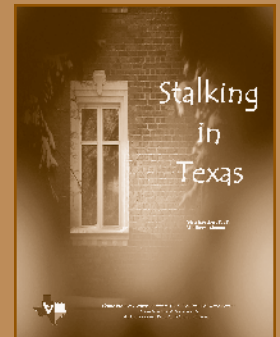
The study underscored the importance of victim input in stalking case investigations. Recommendations based on survey findings called for continuing educational efforts for the public and for people who work with stalking victims, for thoroughly investigating reports of stalking and for providing support services for victims.

VICTIM SERVICES IN TEXAS: Where We Are and Where We Need to Be was completed by surveying victim service providers in law enforcement agencies, district

attorneys' offices, and community agencies that assist victims of crime.

The majority of service providers reported an increase in the number of victims served over the past three years, but many said funding and staffing were insufficient to meet demand. Respondents also frequently mentioned that police officers, prosecutors and judges need more training on victim issues. Coordination among the service providers in a community is important but sometimes lacking, according to the study, although having an active victim services task force seems to help. Providers working in rural areas are at a disadvantage to those working in urban areas when it comes to funding, training, and the availability of services.

All publications produced by the Crime Victims' Institute are available for download at www.crimevictimsinstitute.org. Copies are also available by contacting the CVI office at 936-294-3100. ■



Texans' Trust in Justice Systems Down, Poll Says

Texans have considerably less confidence in both the adult and juvenile justice systems than in 2001 or 1998, according to College's Texas Crime Poll.

The results of the 2007 Texas Crime Poll completed by the College of Criminal Justice Survey Research Program show that the level of confidence Texans have in the adult and juvenile justice systems has decreased considerably over the past few years.

In 2007, only 58 percent of respondents to the statewide postal survey expressed confidence in the adult criminal justice system, compared to 63 percent in 1998. Similarly, in 1998 49 percent of the respondents had "a great deal" or "some" confidence in the juvenile justice system at large, compared to only 45 percent of the 2007 sample.

Usually, the more familiar people are with the systems, the more confident they are in them. However, more than 50 percent of those who had experienced some sort of contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems reported having

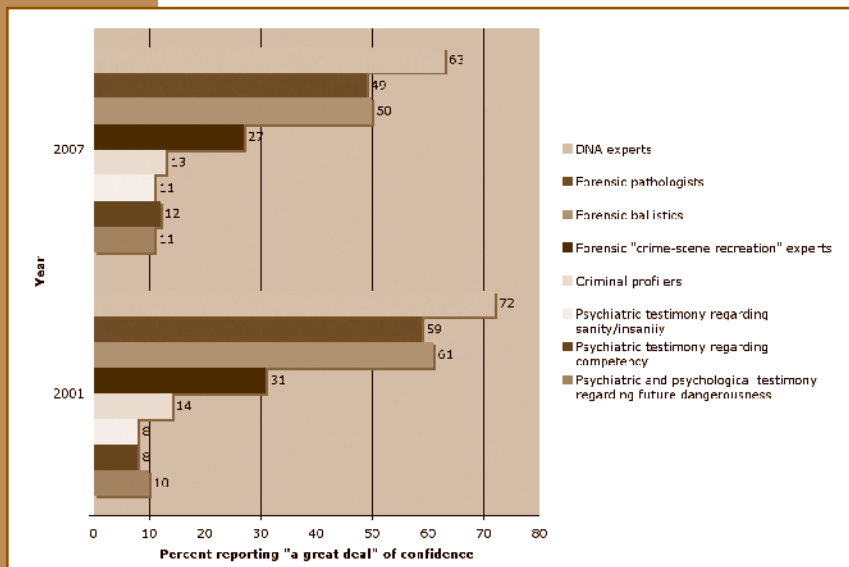
"little" or "no" confidence in them. The juvenile justice system fared worse than the criminal justice system.

DNA PROOF CONSIDERED MORE RELIABLE IN EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY

When asked how much confidence they have in different kinds of "expert witness testimony" offered in criminal trials, Texans reported having more confidence in DNA experts, forensic pathologists, and forensic "crime scene recreation experts" and lower levels of confidence in testimony presented by criminal profilers, psychiatrists, and psychologists. The lowest levels of confidence were reported in experts testifying about sanity/insanity, competency, and future dangerousness.

According to Dr. Dennis R. Longmire, director of the Survey Research Program and author of the study, "These findings show that most Texans are growing increasingly concerned about the general quality of justice being delivered in Texas."

The study shows that Texans have fairly high levels of confidence in their local and state-level law enforcement departments as well as the court system. People seem to be most concerned about the quality of justice being delivered by local probation departments and the State's prison and parole systems for both adult and juvenile offenders.



“Generally speaking, the further one goes into the system, the less confidence people have of their services,” Longmire said.

DOUBTS SURROUND EQUITY OF DEATH PENALTY SYSTEM

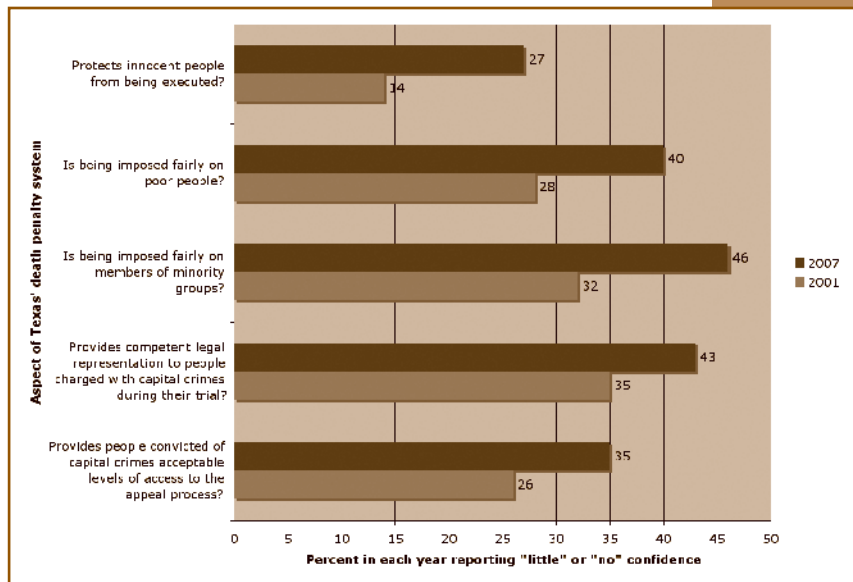
The survey also showed that almost half of the respondents (46 percent) have “little” or “no” confidence in the ability of the death penalty system to be applied fairly against minority group members.

Forty-three percent of respondents expressed concerns about the competency of legal representation being provided to capital defendants, and 40 percent were concerned about the ability for the death penalty system to be applied fairly against poor people. These numbers are considerably higher than in 2001, the last time similar questions were asked.

Only 23 percent of respondents to the 2007 study reported having “a lot of confidence” in the ability of the state’s death penalty system to protect innocent people from being executed. Forty-three percent reported having “some confidence” that innocent people are being protected from

being executed, while 35 percent reported having “little” or “no” confidence.

“In spite of the relatively low levels of confidence people have in the death penalty system, most Texans continue to support its use,” Longmire said. The study shows that 74 percent of participants in the 2007 Texas Crime Poll support the death penalty for the crime of murder. Only 18 percent oppose its use, while eight percent are uncertain.



This is the 37th Texas Crime Poll conducted by the Survey Research Program since its inception in 1973. Copies of the 2007 General Report and links to additional information are available at <http://www.cjcenter.org/srp/>.

SUPPORT

LEMIT Digital Learning Center to Facilitate Training



In order to facilitate distance learning for the state's law enforcement leaders, The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) has created a digital learning technology center called DiLeTeC. DiLeTeC will research, develop, and design state-of-the-art digital learning materials for Texas police management. This will enable organizations with limited training and travel budgets to do more with less as well as enrich traditional face-to-face venues.

Dr. Steven Cuvelier, who joined the LEMIT team from the College of Criminal Justice, heads DiLeTeC. He is assisted by technology specialist Marisa Padilla. The pair has been developing distance learning resources for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) and other state and federal organizations for the past six years.

"Digital learning technologies will enable us to harness the best of what we do well and wed it with technological advances to make a product that delivers learning experiences that are second to none," Cuvelier said. ■

Professional Support

CRIMES Project Provides Pooled Data Access in DF/W

Geospatially-based network provides affordable access to new technology that allows interagency offense reporting and may help pinpoint where offenders live.

With the launch of the Tarrant County Regional Network Demonstration Project in June, participating partner agencies in seven Dallas/Fort Worth-area communities now have unprecedented pooled access to crime-related records and information.

A program of The Criminal Research, Information Management & Evaluation System (CRIMES), the Tarrant County Regional Network is a high-bandwidth, geospatially-based network that replicates data from the independent systems in Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, Keller, Roanoke, Southlake, and Westlake every 24 hours on a regional server. Any offense or person characteristic in the system can be searched in any combination of agencies. Agencies can quickly and easily obtain offense reports, booking records, pawnshop tickets, traffic citation and accident data, and gang and drug criminal intelligence records.

According to Police Research Center program director Dr. Larry Hoover, the Tarrant County Regional Network provides local agencies with access to emergent technology that would otherwise be cost prohibitive.

NETWORK USES GIS TO DISPLAY CRIME ACTIVITY

Interagency offense reporting is not the only potential benefit of data interoperability, Hoover said. Aggregation of pawn shop tickets on a regional server can prevent thieves from stealing in one jurisdiction and safely pawning in nearby jurisdictions. Regional traffic accident analysis is another application—particularly in suburban jigsaw puzzle environments. Gang intelligence is a third example: predatory crimi-

nal enterprise gangs establish their own jurisdictional boundaries that seldom coincide with political boundaries. Analysis is greatly enhanced by geospatial display—for example by overlaying gang territories against thefts from autos—which is accomplished through Geographic Information System (GIS) display and filtering.

Since the mid-1990s, the use of GIS among law enforcement agencies has grown tremendously, according to Hoover. GIS analysis has been successful in reducing residential burglaries, linking parolees and serious habitual offenders to offenses, and identifying hot spots. Geographic "profiling"—derived by analyzing the geospatial characteristics of a linked series of crimes—can identify an unknown offender's most probable residence for offenses such as murder, sexual assault, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft.

The Tarrant County Regional Network provides an opportunity to assess an important extension of GIS-based crime analysis—regionalization of profiling. An offender who lives next to a municipal border will likely commit offenses in all adjoining jurisdictions. Hoover said that regional GIS analysis holds promise for identifying the likely residence of such offenders—a capability lacking in single jurisdiction analysis.

CRIMES is a comprehensive law enforcement computerized records system with twenty modules, from Computer Assisted Dispatch to Property Room Management. It is currently employed by 20 agencies in Texas. ■

TxDOT Grant Enables Officer Training to Spot Drug-impaired Drivers

The College of Criminal Justice has received a grant of more than \$650,000 to help train police officers in identifying drug-impaired drivers.

The Impaired Driving Training Initiatives grant, awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), enables the College to provide academic and field training for officers to become drug recognition experts (DRE). DREs can recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol and can also identify the category of drugs causing the impairment. The College has received funding for this program since 2004.

The DRE course is part of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP), which seeks to overcome the traditional difficulty law enforcement has had in identifying and prosecuting drug-impaired drivers. In August 2005, DECP training led to successful prosecution of the first person convicted in Texas for felony murder based on DRE evidence.

DRE training consists of 72 hours of classroom and scenario-based instruction related to the signs and symptoms of drug use. An additional 72 hours is spent performing individual evaluations where alcohol has been eliminated as an impairment source to correctly determine the drug(s) of influence. A final exam completes the training. Re-certification, which includes coursework and field proficiency testing, is required every two years.

Texas currently has approximately 350 DREs and 55 DRE instructors, including three DREs in Walker County.

DREs conduct their evaluations post-arrest in a controlled environment. The

DRE drug evaluation takes approximately one hour and includes assessment of appearance and behavior, measurement of vital signs and observations about automatic responses and reactions. The DRE also administers carefully designed psychophysical tests to evaluate the person's judgment, information-processing ability, coordination and other characteristics. The DRE will systematically consider everything about the person that could indicate the influence of drugs, reaching his or her conclusion on the totality of the facts that emerge.

The DRE evaluation is standardized because it is conducted the same way by every DRE for every suspect when possible. Standardization is important because it forces the officer to become a better observer, helps avoid errors, and promotes professionalism. ■



A Drug Recognition Expert conducts a detailed, diagnostic examination of persons arrested or suspected of drug-impaired driving or similar offenses. Based on the results of the drug evaluation, the DRE forms an expert opinion on the following:

1. Is the person impaired? If so, is the person able to operate a vehicle safely? If the DRE concludes the person is impaired...
2. Is the impairment due to an injury, illness, or other medical complication, or is it drug-related. If the impairment is due to drugs...
3. Which category or combination of categories of drugs is the most likely source of the impairment?

SUPPORT

7,800 Professionals Receive CMIT Training

By providing professional development for personnel in juvenile and adult institutional and community corrections agencies, the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) has gained an international reputation. During FY2006-2007, CMIT divisions hosted training for more than 7,800 correctional professionals.

The **Management Development and Institutional Corrections Division** provided more than 33 programs, including training on leadership, ethics, integrity, grant writing, handwriting analysis, and body language.

- In April, 30 wardens from across the U.S. assembled at Sam Houston State University-Criminal Justice Center for the bi-annual Wardens Peer Interaction Program to exchange ideas and experiences and discuss best practices.
- The Courtroom Security program in May and the annual Gangs Conference held July 31 – Aug 2 provided quality training to correctional professionals in Texas.

Texas Probation Training Academy

- The Adult Division facilitated training on a systematic approach to emergency preparedness and crisis management as they relate to community corrections. The program was done in collaboration with the Judicial Advisory Council's (JAC) Committee on Emergency Preparedness, the Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD), and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT).
- Officer Safety Training for Trainers, a new TPTA program designed to teach participants how to conduct safety training in their own departments, was held in San Antonio in June. Robert L. (Bob) Thornton, M.Ed., director of Community Corrections Institute, LLC., and Ron Scheidt, senior United States probation officer with the District of Nebraska, introduced strategies for officer safety. Attendees also participated in safety simulation training and learned natural response control tactics.
- The Juvenile Division offered Juvenile Probation Officer Basic Training in Fort Worth, Georgetown and Huntsville.
- TPTA hosted the 3rd Annual Juvenile Sex Offender Management Conference in July, which included the latest information on managing this particular population of probationers.
- In partnership with the Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD), the Adult Division delivered Community Supervision Officer (CSO) and Strategies for Case Supervision (SCS) training throughout the state of Texas. The certification course is state-mandated training for new community supervision officers and is completed within one year of employment. In addition, the Adult Division collaborated with the Second Administrative Judicial Region and provided training support including the basic CSO certification course and SCS.

CMIT Hosts Probation Officers' Conference

The Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) Texas Probation Training Academy hosted the 35th Annual Chief Probation Officer's Conference for adult and juvenile probation officers in San Antonio on September 30 – October 3, 2007. Topics included Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and Community Justice Assistance division updates, critical incident stress management, and interviewing and hiring employees. ■

- Training for experienced probation officers included teambuilding, stress management, courtroom crisis management, victim rights and interacting with mentally ill clients.

CMIT also provides **Secretariat and Conference Support Services** for a number of state organizations.

- **Texas Probation Association**—In April, CMIT facilitated registration for the 2007 Annual Texas Probation Association Conference, “Probation: A New Era from Attitudes to Technology,” in Austin. Information about the Texas Probation Association and upcoming conferences is online at www.txprobation.com.
- **Texas Association for Court Administration**—A four-day conference to provide Texas court administrators and coordinators with 16 hours of continuing education credit was held in October 2006, in Corpus Christi. The next conference is planned for October 2007 in San Antonio. More information is available at www.mytaca.org.
- **Texas Jail Association**—The 21st Annual Texas Jail Association Training Conference, held May 14-18 in Austin, attracted more than 450 participants. Nearly 100 exhibitors presented the latest in technology and services for the field of corrections. For more information, visit www.texasjailassociation.com.
- **National Association for Probation Executives — Administrative and Special Programs Division**—CMIT presented Mid-Management Leadership Programs in January and March for middle managers considered upwardly mobile in their agencies. Participants represented all sectors of the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems, which fosters a better understanding and appreciation of the roles each agency plays. Additional programs are scheduled for September and October 2007.
- In February, ten newly appointed probation and parole executives from across the U.S. participated in the Executive Orientation Program, a joint initiative of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE) and CMIT. This collaborative program has been offered since 1997. ■



SUPPORT

Friends of the Criminal Justice Center

The following individuals and organizations have joined the Friends of the Criminal Justice Center from September 2006 to August 2007. The organization has supported the Center's mission through their donations. They include:

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