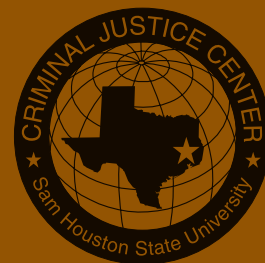


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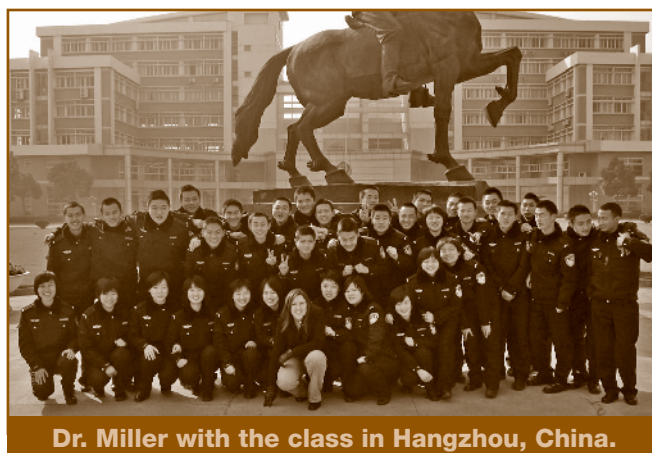
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College Faculty Teach in China

A new international exchange program has opened the door for a promising flow of ideas between American scholars and Chinese law enforcement. Under a memorandum of understanding established between the College of Criminal Justice and the Zheijiang Police College in Hangzhou, China, many of our faculty will have the opportunity to teach and learn from Chinese officers in training.

The program officially began this spring when Drs. Holly Miller, Mike Vaughn, and Jihong (Solomon) Zhao traveled to Hangzhou to lecture on the American criminal justice system. Each professor lectured on what would be the equivalent of one-third of an introductory criminal jus-



Dr. Miller with the class in Hangzhou, China.

...tice course. Dr. Miller, who was first to go, gave a general introduction to the subject, followed by a section on policing.

“It’s a police college,” she said. “These students will eventually become Chinese police officers, so the material is perhaps more practitioner specific than what CJ students at SHSU encounter.”

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ACADEMICS



Webb

This edition of the *Criminal Justice Mandate* summarizes just a few of the exciting activities and events that took place in the College of Criminal Justice during the 2007-2008 academic year. This academic year we awarded over 400 undergraduate and graduate degrees. Several of our undergraduates graduated with honors and awards, and the College was able to provide 80 students with scholarships thanks to generous support from a large number of donors. Several of our graduate students presented papers or posters at national conferences sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the American Society of Forensic Science. Doctoral degrees were conferred on 15 students, several of whom have become faculty members in colleges and universities in Texas and other states, including New York, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, and Connecticut.

We are placing increased emphasis on research and scholarship that impacts the body of criminological and criminal justice knowledge, as well as criminal justice policy and practice. The extensive list of faculty and student publica-

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After Miller's section was complete, Dr. Michael Vaughn made the trip to teach his two-week section on courts, after which Dr. Solomon Zhao followed to teach a section on corrections. The College will continue to provide lectures in the fall and the following spring semesters with Professors Scott Menard, Melissa-Tacket Gibson, Will Oliver, Philip Lyons, and Bill Wells traveling to Hangzhou to teach further courses. Of the 30 students currently in the program, 15 will be selected to come to SHSU to complete their junior year.

In addition to providing the Chinese students with basic information about the

American criminal justice system, another goal is to prepare them for their classroom experience and being taught in English when they spend their junior year at SHSU. The program can be thought of as a reverse "junior year abroad" for Chinese students.

Dr. Jurg Gerber, director of the program is optimistic about the many benefits to be gained from both sides in the agreement. "We hope the Chinese students will gain a better understanding of American criminal justice," he said. "And our students here at home will gain much from the international exposure these students will bring to our campus." ■

International Programs Reach across the Globe

The new agreement with Zheijiang Police College is only one of several new international programs at the College. A couple of other organizations with which the College cooperates are:

ROYAL THAILAND POLICE ACADEMY

The College of Criminal Justice is currently offering a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership in Bangkok, Thailand. The program is a joint venture of the College and the Royal Thailand Police Academy that combines classroom and online instruction. The typical course starts with a faculty member from the College of Criminal Justice traveling to Bangkok to deliver approximately two weekends of classroom instruction. The faculty member then returns to SHSU and delivers the remainder of the course using an online/Internet format. Each course is approximately eight weeks in duration, and the program is structured to enable students to complete the degree in two calendar years. So far, four faculty members have already traveled to Thailand to teach. The program's first cohort of 14 students will graduate in December of 2008.



Thailand Master Students visit SHSU.

KUKULCAN EDUCATIONAL SPANISH COMMUNITY

The College has also entered an agreement with Kukulcan Educational Spanish Community in Cuernavaca, Mexico, that will give students the opportunity to participate in a Spanish language immersion program. SHSU students will travel to Mexico from May 25 to June 7, take classes in Spanish, live with host families, and visit criminal justice agencies. Participating students will earn 3 credit hours that will count toward their graduation requirements. ■

Dr. Jurg Gerber has been appointed as Director of International Programs for the College of Criminal Justice. His primary focus is on international program development and coordination. Dr. Gerber has a lengthy history of service to the College and to SHSU. Not only has he served as a faculty member for 14 years, he also served as an Associate Dean in the College and as Director of International Programs for the SHSU campus. At the present time, Dr. Gerber also serves as the SHSU campus liaison to the Fulbright International Fellowship Program. ■



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Professor Teske Receives Humbolt Award

Professor Raymond Teske, Jr. traveled to Germany after receiving the prestigious Humboldt Research Award. The award includes living expenses, airfare, supplemental allowances for research and conference-related travel within Germany, and financial support for his wife Jane.

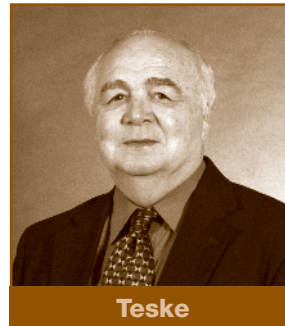
Nominations for the award are made anonymously by a member of the foundation professional staff to recognize senior scholars worldwide for their scholarly contributions through the years. The recipient is unrestricted as to where in Germany he or she would like to undertake research. The research topic is also unrestricted.



Professor Teske chose a research stay at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Penal Law in Freiburg, where he continued previous research on the prosecution of hate crime offenders in Germany comparing the prosecution outcome and sentencing with a control sample of non-hate-crime-related offenses. He also continued working a hate crime statistical data set created specifically for him and his German colleague by the state police in Baden-Württemberg. Comparable data and cases are being analyzed in Texas for comparison. A third project on which he has been working for more than five years involves a time series model examining factors associated with changes in crime rates before and after unification in Germany.

Each of the projects represents a joint venture with Professor Hans-Jörg Albrecht, Director of the Max Planck

Institute. Professor Albrecht is a former Beto Chair lecturer who has visited the Criminal Justice Center to make presentations on several occasions.



Teske

Professor Teske was first awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for young scholars in 1980 and spent twelve months at the Max Planck Institute establishing and carrying out the first large-scale crime victimization survey in Germany. Sam Houston State University established the first Developmental Leave in 1980 in order to support him while he was in Germany, and the Max Planck Institute paid for all costs associated with the victimization survey. He has subsequently worked on a number of comparative projects at the Max Planck Institute including a model predicting reporting of crime in the former West and East German states.

Professor Teske was awarded a Developmental Leave by Sam Houston State University for the Spring of 2007 to support his stay at the Max Planck Institute of Foreign and International penal Law in Freiburg.

Although the Humboldt Foundation has continued to support Professor Teske with short-term research grants through the years, as well as inviting him as their

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tions included in this edition is indicative of our progress in achieving that goal and reflects the dedication and hard work of faculty, students, and staff.

International activities and partnerships continue to be a major focus of the College and Criminal Justice Center. Some of the most active partnerships include those with the Royal Thailand Police Academy, the Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China, the Polish Prison Service, and Polish National Police. One of the most rewarding partnerships is the one with Zhejiang Police College. Several criminal justice faculty have delivered lectures to a class of "international police students," and delegations of students from Zhejiang have visited the College. All of this is in preparation for a "junior year abroad" experience for a select group of Zhejiang students. In addition to the student program, the College is collaborating with Zhejiang to develop a joint research project on youth gangs involving Chinese and American scholars.

I think you will find this edition of *The CJ Mandate* to be informative, but please keep in mind that the programs, activities, and accomplishments described here are only the tip of the iceberg. There is a whole lot more going on in the College and Center. I look forward to updating you in the fall edition. Feel free to contact me at vwebb@shsu.edu if you have questions or comments. ■

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Faculty Awards and Grants

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), with assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice, has established a pre-release reentry program that is currently implemented at five state jail sites. Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, Associate Professor in the College of Criminal Justice and Research Director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, has been awarded a \$100,000 contract to evaluate the TDCJ Prisoner Reentry Initiative. She will work with Dr. Todd Armstrong of the College of Criminal Justice and graduate student research assistants to complete the evaluation. Dr. Holly Miller was also awarded the Risk Assessment and Evaluation portion of the TDCJ's NIJ Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grant. The award provides \$175,000 in research funding for the years 2007-2009.

Other faculty grants include:

Gaylene Armstrong—the Maricopa County Positive Reentry Program for Sex Offenders Enhancement Grant, which awarded \$236,788 to Maricopa County Adult Probation Department.

Gaylene Armstrong and Dennis Longmire—The Influence of

guest to make presentations at conferences in Germany, Professor Teske said that he was not expecting an honorary award with this level of support from the Board of Directors.

The Foundation was established in the 1860s by friends of Alexander von Humboldt to honor him for his scientific contributions. Scholars up to the age of 40 may apply worldwide for a competitive

award to spend up to a year in Germany working on research. Senior scholars are occasionally nominated for either a research prize or an unrestricted invitation based on lifetime accomplishments. As of 2007 forty-eight Humboldt fellows/scholars have been awarded a Nobel Prize. ■

Fall Commencement

On December 15, 2007, SHSU honored its most recent graduates during the annual Fall Commencement. The College of Criminal Justice graduated a total of 152 students, including 141 undergraduates, five masters of science, two masters of arts, and four PhDs.

Several of our students graduated with honors, as listed below:

- Lindsey Marie Barfield, Cum Laude
- Anna Patricia Cordova, Summa Cum Laude
- Jonathan Blake Dean, Magna Cum Laude
- Theodore Nathaniel Garelick, Magna Cum Laude
- Kristen YuShawn Jones, Magna Cum Laude
- Chad Michael Krumpholz, Cum Laude
- Kristen Marcela Ordóñez, Magna Cum Laude
- Lindsey Renee Bates, Cum Laude
- Sherra LaFaye Holdman, Cum Laude
- Eun Ho Lee, Summa Cum Laude
- Kenna Cherie Weaver, Cum Laude

The commencement speaker was Mike O'Day, representative of House District 29 of the Texas State House of Representatives. Representative O'Day graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. ■



President Gaertner thanks Mike O'Day

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Two College Professors, One Alumna Named “Academic Stars”

A November article in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* listed Professors Gaylene Armstrong and Janet Mullings, along with alumna Leanne F. Alarid (PhD Criminal Justice, 1996) among the most-published in a study of 88 female PhD graduates of criminal justice programs. The stated purpose of the study, titled “Research Trajectories of Female Scholars in Criminology and Criminal Justice,” was to provide “an examination of the employment patterns and publication trajectories of 88 female scholars who graduated between 1996 and 2006 from 18 North American doctoral programs in criminology and criminal justice.”

The authors of the study analyzed 88 curriculum vitae from graduates of 18 doctoral programs, examining these graduates’ publications in 22 academic Criminal Justice-related journals. The list of 88 graduates was then reduced to the 20 with the most published and in-press articles in the 22 academic journals. The authors designated these 20 graduates as “academic stars.”

In order to further refine the results of the study and establish a measure of publication “seriousness,” the authors chose to constrict the set of academic journals to a list of nine journals they call “elite”—journals that have performed very well in various measures of prestige and that provide reasonable breadth of content. When focusing on these nine “elite” journals, graduates of University of Maryland, Michigan

State University, and Sam Houston State University ranked highest in mean elite publication. Also, when looking at mean elite publication of the twenty “academic stars,” Dr. Armstrong ranked as the third most-published with five articles in print or forthcoming in “elite” journals.

“It’s an honor to be named,” Dr. Armstrong said. “But it’s also very humbling to be among such good company.”

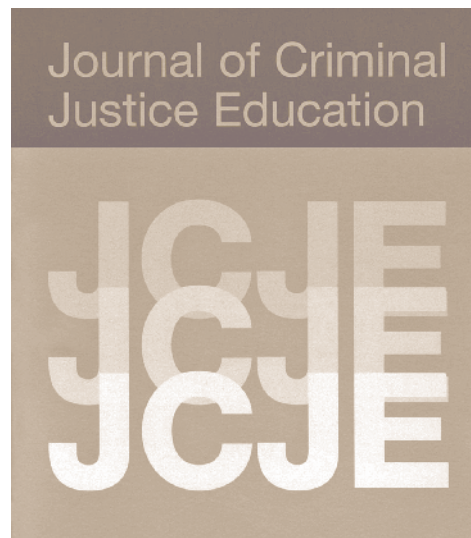
Dr. Mullings said she was pleased with the recognition the study brings to SHSU and the College of Criminal Justice. “I’m proud to be mentioned, but even more proud of what this says about the College and its alumni.” ■



Armstrong



Mullings



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Labor Contracts on Administrators’ Response to Staff Sexual Violence, submitted in conjunction with the American Correctional Association to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission

AWARDS

Gaylene Armstrong received the 2007 Young Experimental Scholar Award. The award is given by the Academy of Experimental Criminology honoring early career scholars for their contributions.

Dr. Mitch Roth was awarded an academic fellowship with the Academic Fellows Program of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. The fellowship includes an all-expenses-paid trip to Tel Aviv, Israel, for an intensive 10-day course on the latest trends in terrorists’ ideologies, motives, and operations. It also features visits to military bases, border zones, and other security installations to learn the practical side of deterring terrorist attacks.

Jennifer Schulenburg received the Faculty of Arts in Academics Alumnus Career Award from the University of Waterloo. ■

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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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TARIK ESER

"The Impact of the Turkish Policies and Actions Toward the PKK Terrorist Organization: A Time Series Analysis"

Chaired by Dr. Richard Ward

SHANNON FOWLER

"Prison Rape-Supportive Cultural Beliefs and Inmate Perceptions of Sexual Assault: A Texas Inmate Sample"

Chaired by Dr. Janet L. Mullings

GEORGEN GUERRERO

"A Grounded Theory on Prison Sexual Assaults"

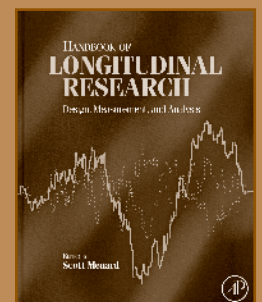
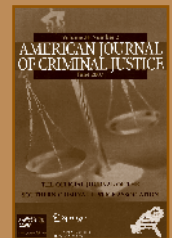
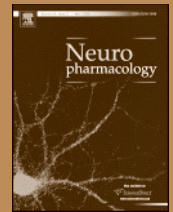
Chaired by Drs. Janet L. Mullings and James Marquart

MICHAEL VAN AELSTYN

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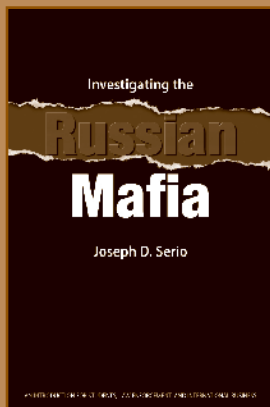
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ACADEMICS

Doctoral Student Publishes Book on Russian Mafia

Joe Serio, doctoral student and project manager for the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, has published his first book with Carolina Academic Press. *Investigating the Russian Mafia* discusses the development of the so-called Russian mafia and debunks the myths surrounding the subject.

Joe lived in the former Soviet Union for seven years and was the only American to work in the Organized Crime Control Department of the Soviet police prior to the collapse of the USSR. He later served as the director of the Moscow office of a global corporate investigation firm overseeing investigations across the former Soviet Union. ■



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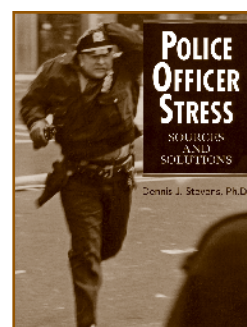
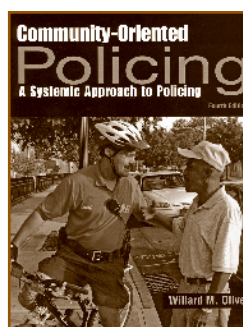
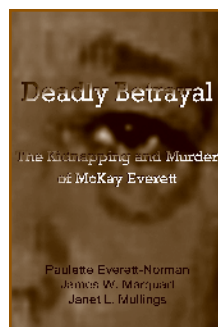
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Research

Students and Faculty Present Papers at ACJS

Faculty and students made an impressive showing at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 11-15, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme for this year's conference was "American Justice: Rhetoric and Reality," and representatives of the College contributed in over fifty presentations and panel discussions.

Student Shih-Ya (Connie) Kuo discussed findings from a study on prosecutorial behavior in Taiwan. The study used



Shih-Ya (Connie) Kuo

data from the Ministry of Justice in Taiwan to test Black's theory that law is quantitative and dynamic, adapting to its environment. Taiwan has over the last fifty years undergone dramatic economic, political, and social changes, and the study examined whether and to what extent those changes have influenced prosecutorial decision making.

Napoleon Reyes spoke about a controversial decision by the Supreme Court of the Philippines. After the Philippine national



Napoleon Reyes

government's failure to take serious steps to end more than eight hundred killings and abductions of political activists and community organizers, the Philippine Supreme Court enacted rules adopting the extraordinary judicial remedies of *writ of amparo* and *writ of habeas data* from Latin-American legal systems. Reyes' presentation examined whether these actions were within the bounds of proper judicial exercise or constituted judicial activism.

Representing the Institute for Legal Studies in Criminal Justice (ILSCJ) Sam Swindell and Dr. Rolando del Carmen presented findings from a survey conducted last year on teaching law in criminal justice programs. The brief presentation was followed by an indepth panel discussion on appropriate teaching methods, the effectiveness of active learning through the Socratic method, the distinction between learning the practice of law and the theory of law, and the question of whether PhD graduates are as equipped to teach law as those with Juris Doctorates, among many other topics. ■



Sam Swindell and Dr. Rolando del Carmen

Dean Webb and Student Honored at ACJS Awards Ceremony

Dr. Vincent Webb, Dean of the College of Criminal Justice, and coauthor Charles M. Katz received the *ACJS Outstanding Book Award* for their book *Policing Gangs in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2006). The award is given once a year in recognition of the best book published by an ACJS member in the area of criminal justice. Nominations for the Outstanding Book Award must make an extraordinary contribution to the study of crime and criminal justice, be published within three calendar years prior to the meeting at which the award will be given, and at least one author must be a member of ACJS at the time the book is nominated.

Policing Gangs in America describes the assumptions, issues, problems, and events that characterize, shape, and define the police response to gangs in America today. The book focuses on the gang unit officers themselves and the environment in which they work, while also discussing research, statistical facts, theory, and policy with regard to gangs, gang members, and gang activity.

Georgen Guerrero, a recent Ph.D. graduate and current adjunct instructor with the college, received two awards at the ceremony. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Affirmative Action Committee recommended the *ACJS Affirmative Action Mini-Grant* for a paper titled "Prison Time or Easy Time: The Ramifications of Ethical Violations in Prison." This award provides the recipient with a cash reimbursement up to \$550 for expenses to attend and present a research paper at the ACJS Annual Meeting.

He also was awarded the *William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award*, for his paper titled "The Prison Environment: A Quantitative Analysis of Inmates' Perceptions." The



Guerrero

purpose of this award is to afford special recognition to a student paper that was presented at the previous annual ACJS meeting. Guerrero presented his paper last year at the ACJS conference in Seattle. Dr. William Doerner, the Awards Committee Chair, noted the following in making his recommendation to the ACJS Executive Board: "This paper contains a detailed and thorough empirical analysis of inmate attitudes towards prison violence. This well-written document offers a variety of recommendations for policy development as well as future research." ■

POLICING GANGS IN AMERICA



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Police Targeted Response Unit Initiative

Last year LEMIT 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 includes faculty members Larry Hoover, Brian Lawton, Vincent Webb, Bill Wells, Solomon Zhao, and program manager Jamie Tillerson. The research team is assessing three related programs. The first is Dallas' Focused Patrol Program, involving assignment of officers to 12 designated high crime areas during "at risk" times. The second is Houston's newly created Crime Reduction Team. The seventy-officer team is directed to interdict "gangs, guns, and drugs" in Houston's worst neighborhoods. The third is a review of Chicago's Targeted Response Unit. LEMIT has worked closely with the Chicago Police Department, taking Texas Chiefs to Chicago for review of innovations such as their Deployment Operations Center.

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 three or four 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."

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

- To describe the operation of the units, documenting strengths and weaknesses so that participating agencies as well as other police departments can learn from the comparative experiences of the three agencies.
- 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 TRU 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 TRU and existing operations (e.g., regular patrol, gang unit).
- To assess the potential and limitations of such programs through documentation of the effects of the programs on arrest and crime rates.

Results of the evaluative research effort in all three agencies—Dallas, Houston, and Chicago—will be "rolled back" to LEMIT's Major City Training Program. ■



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CMIT Delegation to Poland

Korea
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As part of its ongoing relationship with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, CMIT hosted correctional official Ms. So-Yeon Choi for six months as a Visiting Scholar. Ms. Choi was the recipient of the Korean Government Short-Term Fellowship for overseas study.

Ms. Choi served as a correctional officer for four years in the Korean prison system before moving to the Correctional Staff Training Institute, part of the Legal Research Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice. She is currently serving as Assistant Supervisor at the Institute.

Based in Huntsville from September 2007 to March 2008, Ms. Choi traveled to CMIT-sponsored training programs in El Paso, San Angelo, Ft. Worth, Huntsville, and other cities, and met with officials from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. As a training specialist, Ms. Choi was particularly interested in CMIT's leadership and management classes, and she attended the week-long Mid-Management Leadership Program. She also attended the Wardens Peer Interaction Training Program that brings wardens from around

Last June, the Correctional Management Institute of Texas had the honor of hosting a delegation from the Polish Prison Services led by General Director Jacek Pomiankiewicz. This visit was a continuation of the relationship formalized in July of 2005 through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in Warsaw, Poland, by former General Director Jan Pycak of the Polish Central Board of Prison Services, Doug Dretke, then serving as Director of the Correctional Institutions Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and Dan Richard Beto, former Executive Director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT).

Over eight days, the Polish delegation spent time in prisons around Texas, visited with corrections professionals, and toured our university campus and the College of Criminal Justice. The delegation was very interested in treatment and rehabilitative programs, industry and work programs, as well as approaches to training. In our interactions with the General Director it was established that the cooperation between our prison systems will continue and our relationship will expand to include the participation of several universities in both of our countries.

Early this summer, a delegation from Texas will visit Poland to tour facilities within the Polish prison system as well as

meet with officials from several universities to explore relationships that will benefit corrections professionals, faculty, and our students. We are very excited that Brad Livingston, Executive Director of TDCJ, and Dr. Vince Webb, Dean and Director of the College of Criminal Justice and Criminal Justice Center, will lead our delegation to Poland. Members of the delegation will include Doug Dretke, Executive Director of CMIT, Mr. Jackie Edwards, Division Director of TDCJ, and Senior Wardens David Sweetin, Lorie Wills, and Brian Rodeen from TDCJ.

The Texas delegation will spend an active week visiting prisons within the unified federal system of Poland and discussing issues focused on the administration of justice from a global perspective. The delegation, along with officials of the



Polish Prison Service, will also visit several universities to discuss cooperative relationships between all parties that can develop into opportunities for further professional exchanges between systems. ■

Alumni News

ALLEN FLETCHER ELECTED TO TEXAS LEGISLATURE

On March 4, 2008, Allen Fletcher (BS '94; MS '97) was elected as the Representative of District 130 for the 81st Texas State Legislature. Mr. Fletcher graduated from the College of Criminal Justice in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Police Science. He then pursued a Masters of Science in Criminal Justice Management, graduating in 1997.

Fletcher is a 21-year veteran of the Houston Police Department, where he began as a uniformed patrol officer in 1977. He later served as a member of HPD's Public Integrity Review Group, a negotiator on the Hostage Negotiation Team, supervisor and detective/sergeant in the Robbery Division, and supervisor in the Office of the Inspector General. He retired from the force in 1998 and created his own company, Resource Protection Management, which offers a full spectrum of security solutions for commercial, educational, governmental, and residential customers.

Fletcher also has a long history of community involvement, volunteer-

ing with many organizations in the Tomball, Texas, area. He is a member of the Sam Houston State University Alumni Board of Directors, the President's Circle, and sponsors the Diane Cochran Criminal Justice Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to selected criminal justice students serving in unpaid internships.

Texas District 130 is contained in northwest Harris County and includes the cities of Waller and Tomball, as well as the areas of Klein and Cypress-Fairbanks. Mr. Fletcher ran as the "conservative candidate" during the March 4 Republican primary, beating out Republican incumbent Corbin Van Arsdale.

Fletcher begins his legislative service when the Texas Legislature convenes for its 81st Regular Session on January 13, 2009. ■



Fletcher



So-Yeon Choi

the country to Huntsville to share experiences and exchange important information on best practices.

CMIT has hosted officials from Australia, Georgia, Moldova, Republic of Korea, Poland, United Kingdom, France, Mozambique, Italy, People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Papua New Guinea for long- and short-term stays. In addition to participating in special international programs, international visitors have also traveled to Huntsville for individual CMIT programs such as the Courtroom Security training course. ■

DOUG SHANNON HONORED BY ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME

Doug Shannon (PhD '86) was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. A ceremony at El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix, AZ, honored Mr. Shannon and 18 others who "honorably served their country and have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetimes."

Mr. Shannon graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1955 and shortly thereafter entered the US Army Military Police Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served a total of 25 years, retiring in 1981. On January 30, 1968, while in Vietnam, Shannon managed to save a number of military policemen whose convoy was ambushed by the enemy. Shannon was awarded the Silver Star, the third highest medal given for valor in the face of the enemy.

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In Memoriam

The College of Criminal Justice mourns the passing of two of our students.



Ghanie

On December 14, 2007, **Victor Ghanie** died from esophageal cancer, leaving behind a wife, Shiny, and a 14-year-old son, Boajo. Victor was a 25-year veteran of the Botswana Police Service, a Senior Assistant Commissioner in the Botswana National Police, and a candidate to become the next Commissioner of the Botswana National Police upon his graduation and return from SHSU. At the time of his death, he was in his fourth year of the doctoral program, having finished all the required coursework for the degree with a 3.83 GPA. The CJ Center held a memorial service for Victor in the Hazel B. Kerper Courtroom, which was attended by the Botswanan Ambassador to the U.S., SHSU President James Gaertner, and many of his family, friends, and colleagues. After the ceremony, Victor's wife and son accompanied his body to Botswana where he received an official state funeral. His

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After his retirement from the Army, Shannon completed his PhD in Criminal Justice at SHSU and went on to teach Criminology at California State University-Fresno for the next six and a half years. For the past 18 years he and his wife Joan have enjoyed living in a retirement community, aptly named Leisure World Arizona.

Nominations for induction in the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame are evaluated on the scope and impact of a nominee's achievements and the extent to which his or her efforts benefit and provide inspiration to other veterans. Admission is highly selective, and Mr. Shannon is one of only 146 persons currently listed in the organization's membership.

Examples of his efforts include organizing the first city-wide March of Dimes bowling tournament in Augusta, Georgia; serving as President of the Georgia State Bowling Association; convinced the Huntsville City Council in Texas to not change the name of a historic road when the affected community expressed anger toward the proposed change; aided a Japanese family in gaining entry to Kwajalien, a restricted military installation, to visit the burial site of their son who died during the battle for Kwajalien during the Second World War; served for two years on the Allocations Committee of the United Way of Fresno, CA; was instrumental in establishing a "non-profit charitable organization" that embraced a gated community and adjacent neighborhoods populated by thousands of residents and was its first President for seven years; and has served as President and on the Board of Directors of The Retired Military Officers organization during the time it received a national award for excellence in 1998. ■



Shannon (center)

ALUMNI UPDATES

Justin Berry (BA '07) is now working for the Austin Police Department. He started at the Police Academy on May 29, 2007, and graduated and was commissioned on January 4, 2008.

Congratulations to **Whitney Burgess** (BA '06), who announces her marriage to Mitch Bretzke in Houston, Texas, on May 3, 2008.

Nancy Marie Diaz (BS '06) was married in Houston, Texas, on December 15, 2007. Her new name is Nancy Marie De la Cruz.

Georgen Guerrero (PhD '07) was the 2008 winner of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Affirmative Action Mini Grant and Student Scholarships Award and the 2008 ACJS William L.

Simon/Anderson Publishing Student Paper Award (see page 10).

Craig Hemmens (PhD '98) has been appointed Director of the Honors College at Boise State University, where he has taught in the Department of Criminal Justice since 1996.

Wendy Hickenbotham (BA '07) recently gave birth to her third child, William Lastrapes, on February 22, 2008.

Louis LaBarge (BA '07) became a Deputy U.S. Marshall in January 2008.

Two CJ alumni announce their engagement. **Shatoriya "Tori" Lewis** (BA '07) and **Terrence Foley** (BS '06) will be married this coming December. Tori is currently a Special Education Teacher with

Fort Worth ISP, and Terrence works for Alcon Laboratories.

Ricky Reynolds (BS '03) is approaching his fourth year with the U.S. Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is currently working out of the Oklahoma City office as an Investigative Specialist. Ricky also announces the birth of his first child on September 25, 2007.

Dr. Sunghoon Roh (PhD '05) is the new Editor-in-Chief of *Asia Pacific Journal of Police and Criminal Justice* (APJPCJ). The journal, formerly known as *Asian Policing*, is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal published twice a year by the Asian Association of Police Studies (AAPS). The journal aims to provide a meaningful forum for the exchange of knowledge, information, and research outcomes among academicians, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers on all aspects of police and criminal justice in the Asia-Pacific region. Dr. Roh invites submissions of theoretical papers, conceptual papers, empirical research, in-depth literature review, and comparative studies that significantly contribute to the knowledge of police and criminal justice in Asia, North America, South America, and Oceania. Please direct all inquiries to Sunghoon Roh at editor@aaps.or.kr.

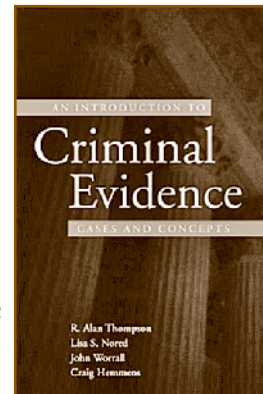
Jonathon Scott (BS '07) and **Rebecca Jarrar** (BS '06) were married in Kyle, Texas, on September 1, 2007. The Scotts

currently reside in Cypress, Texas, where Rebecca is the manager of a commercial landholdings company and Jonathan is at Air Force Officer Training School with a career field of Security Forces.

Paul Sinitiere (BA '05) began employment with the Pasadena Police Department on November 26, 2007.

R. Alan Thompson (PhD '01) and **Craig Hemmens** (PhD '98) recently coauthored (with Lisa Nored and John Worrall) the textbook *An Introduction to Criminal Evidence: Cases and Concepts*, published by Oxford University Press.

Jeffery T. Walker (PhD '92) and **Craig Hemmens** recently coauthored *The Legal Guide for Police* (8th Edition), published by Anderson Publishing. ■



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countless friends and colleagues will miss his spirit and his wry sense of humor, comforted by knowing their lives were bettered by his time among them.

Christopher Thomas Pickren, 19, died on May 14, 2007, from injuries resulting from a shooting accident. Chris was a sophomore criminal justice major and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. His family described him as a "hardworking young man who knew what it meant to be a brother's keeper." Chris planned on using the knowledge gained in the criminal justice program to one day serve others. He was exceptionally devoted to God, his family, and his friends, and will be missed by many. ■

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.



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