

Criminal Justice MANDATE

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Dean's Message

Greetings from the College of Criminal Justice and the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center! The 2009-2010

Academic Year seems to be moving along at an unusually fast pace. The College and Center have launched several new initiatives this year, including the redesign of our online Master's in Criminal Justice Management and Leadership, which was implemented this past August.

The program has an entirely new look and format. Students take coursework sequentially, with each course being approximately seven and one-half weeks in duration. The 36-hour program is delivered by ten different criminal justice faculty members. Criminal justice agency professionals from across the state have enrolled in the redesigned program. Our goal is to provide widespread access to professional graduate education using online methods of delivery while at the same time maintaining the same high standards of quality found in our on-campus programs.

For three years we have been preparing to enroll a cohort of sixteen third-year students from Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China. The students arrived and started classes in August and will continue their studies through the 2009-2010 Academic Year. All reports are that they are excelling in their coursework and that they have also developed a good understanding of American football. This program will be continued, and a new cohort of students will attend SHSU starting in August 2010.

There are some significant changes occurring at SHSU and in the College of Criminal

Justice. SHSU President James Gaertner announced his retirement effective August 2010. President Gaertner has been a strong supporter of the College of Criminal

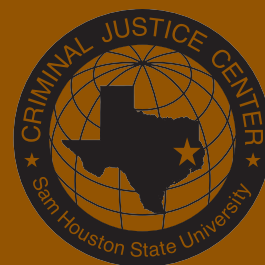


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Justice, and his outstanding leadership will be missed by criminal justice faculty, staff, and students and by the larger SHSU community.

One change in the College has to do with the *Mandate*. This is the last hard copy version of the *Mandate*. We are going electronic, and we are going "green," or should I say "greener." There are several advantages for the College in converting to an e-version of the *Mandate*. The e-version will be much more economical, since printing and mailing costs will be non-existent. In addition, the e-version can be updated more frequently if not continually, making the *Mandate* a timelier vehicle for communicating news about alumni and College activity. The e-version can be accessed at <http://www.cjcenter.org/cjmandate/>, and I hope you are a frequent visitor to the *Mandate* site.

Sincere thanks to all of our alumni who attended our reception at the American Society of Criminology conference in Philadelphia in early November. We are planning to host another reception at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting in San Diego next March, and we look forward to seeing many of our alumni at that event. Special thanks to all of our generous scholarship donors. Your support goes a long way in making it possible for many of our criminal justice students to continue their education, and they sincerely appreciate your support. ■



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New Faculty Profiles

LEMIT Partners with LEMVI

There are currently some 40,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, and many are moving to the use of in-car video equipment without the benefit of adequate training for their personnel. In response to this need, LEMIT is pleased to partner with The Law Enforcement Mobile Video Institute (LEMVI) to offer specialized training to Texas law enforcement on procedural and legal issues of police mobile video recording. LEMVI, a Texas Corporation, has developed the only law enforcement curriculum field-tested in multiple states to address the legal, ethical, and procedural use of in-car mobile video equipment.

This December, LEMIT will host "Establishing the Standards of In-Car Video Training for Law Enforcement since 1988." The goal of this project is to have a mobile video educated trainer on staff at each law enforcement agency that is using mobile video equipment. The trainers will have the knowledge and background necessary to offer training to officers within their respective jurisdictions. ■

For more information on the LEMIT/LEMVI partnership, go to:

www.cjcenter.org/cjmandate

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Dr. Jeffrey Bouffard previously taught at Washington State University, where he also served as the Director of the Criminal Justice Program and the Criminal Justice Graduate Coordinator. He is the recipient of over \$700,000 dollars in research grants from such organizations as the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the National Institute of Justice. His research interests include self-control theory, corrections and rehabilitation, and rational choice theory. His work has been published in *Crime and Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, and *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, among others, and he currently serves as Co-Editor of the *Western Criminology Review*. Presently, he is teaching CJ 462, Substance Use and Abuse.



LEANA BOUFFARD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. Leana Bouffard previously taught at Washington State University, North Dakota State University, and Indiana University. She is the recipient of several grants, including a 2008 grant of \$300,000 from the MacArthur Foundation. Her research interests include violence against women, and sexual aggression among college students. Her work has been published in *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Feminist Criminology* among others. She currently serves as Co-Editor for the *Western Criminology Review* and teaches CJ 262, Criminology.



KATE FOX, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr. Kate Fox previously taught at the University of Florida. Her research interests include crime victimization, gangs, corrections, fear of crime, and research methods. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, the *Security Journal*, and the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Her most recent article, which appeared in *Justice Quarterly*, explores the career dimensions of stalking. She is currently teaching CJ 480, Victimology.



WILLIAM KING, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. William King previously taught at Bowling Green State University, where he also served as the Director of the Crime and Justice Research Laboratory as well as the Graduate Coordinator for the M.S. Criminal Justice program. His research interests include forensics groups from organizational and theoretical perspectives, particularly relating to the development of performance standards for forensics labs. His publications have recently appeared in *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Forensic Identification*, and *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. He is currently teaching CJ 477, Special Topics in Criminal Justice: Criminal Justice in Film. ■



STAFS Facility Hosts Crime Scene Investigation and Analysis Training

This October, the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science (STAFS) Facility hosted a special training for crime scene investigation and analysis. The training was open to any forensic scientist or student who wanted to attend, but was primarily geared toward law enforcement, who were able to receive TCLEOSE credit. For those who had already met their work requirements, the training also fulfilled the education requirement to sit for certification in the International Association for Identification, the world's oldest and largest forensic science association.



The training is divided into three-week sections. In the first week, the "Foundation Program," trainees learned the basics of handling a crime scene—how to recognize evidence, how to collect it, and how to preserve it. Week two is an "Intermediate Program" that covers pattern evidence detection, collection, and preservation, such as footwear, tire, and tool-mark impressions. In week three, the "Advanced Program," trainees are exposed to forensic anthropology, entomology, forensic archaeology, and medico-legal death investigation.



"We've been developing this program for over a year," said Dr. Joan Bytheway, director of the STAFS Facility. "The instructors we have brought together have a lot of experience and information to disclose. And since they're working in the field, they can relate to trainees who are in law enforcement."

Trainees who completed all three weeks of the program were able to sit for a final exam to be certified with the IAI as Crime Scene Investigators. "IAI certification makes officers very marketable to hiring agencies," said Bytheway. "We had participants evaluate the program and each instructor. They said the program was excellent, and it exceeded their expectations. They especially loved the hands-on and said they would recommend the course."

STAFS will be offering the training again this coming spring. ■



CMIT's Warden's Peer Interaction Training

The Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) organizes and hosts numerous programs both at the CJ Center and around the state for adult and juvenile community corrections officers, corrections officials, county jailers, and many others. As the coordinator of various training academies, CMIT plays an ever-expanding role in leadership development for decision makers around the nation.

Just one of CMIT's feature programs is the Warden's Peer Interaction Training Program, which brings together prison wardens as well as administrators from the country's largest jail systems for three days of sharing information, perspectives, and best practices. In an informal setting the participants are actually the presenters, delivering powerpoint presentations of their own experiences to their peers. Several facilitators, with decades of incomparable experience, interact with the group to challenge conventional wisdom and generate guided discussion in order to create a new vision in correctional leadership. ■

Read more about CMIT's training programs at:

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