Reconnecting communications

As we all know, communication is a two-way street. By waiting so long to send out a newsletter, we gave you no easy way of knowing what was happening in the department. Similarly, we had no easy way of knowing what was happening in your lives. Our hope is that this newsletter takes a step toward bridging that gap. The next step to take is for you to be in touch with us. Aside from letting us know what is new with you, please think about the following ways that you might reconnect with us:

- Are you willing to be interviewed for this newsletter, to be the subject of an Alumni Profile?
- Can your place of employment provide an internship opportunity for any of our students? (Remember, our majors come from everywhere, especially across Indiana.)
- Would your work experience make for an interesting presentation to the Criminal Justice Student Association?
- Would you be willing to serve as a resource for students who might be interested in pursuing a career similar to yours?

If any of these possibilities are of interest to you or if you have a suggestion for another way to reconnect with the department, please send an e-mail to crimjust@indiana.edu. We also invite you to visit our Web site at www.indiana.edu/~crimjust. We hope to hear from many of you in the weeks to come.
Several familiar faces can still be seen up and down the third floor of Sycamore Hall: Ellen Dwyer (now director of Collins Living-Learning Center), Bill Head, Stephanie Kane, Lee Luskin (director of the Graduate Affairs Committee), William Oliver, Phil Parnell, Hal Pepinsky, Leon Pettitway, Marla Sandys (chair of the department), Kip Schlegel, and Arvind Verma. In addition, Steve Chermak is on leave at Michigan State University this year. We also have hired several outstanding faculty since you last heard from us.

Professor Steve Russell came to university teaching after retiring from 17 years as a trial court judge in Texas. He joined our faculty in fall 2001. With his experience and advanced law degree, beyond the JD, he has produced a number of articles about the judicial process. His current research focuses on the necessity to redefine national sovereignty to settle disputes arising from globalization and the need for American Indians to redefine tribal sovereignty and identity in response to national and international change. He also has published a series of articles on transnational corporate crime.

In fall 2002, Professor Roger J.R. Levesque returned to the department after spending two years at the University of Arizona, where he was a professor of law and psychology. Levesque has published more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters that deal with youth policy, family life, and the law. He also has written several books and is completing two more, one dealing with adolescents’ right to media and information and another with psychology’s place in criminal justice processes. Levesque is editor in chief of the Journal of Youth and Adolescence and founding editor of the Advancing Responsible Adolescent Development book series.

Professors Veronica Herrera and Jody Sundt joined the department in fall 2003. Herrera received her PhD in psychology from the University of Arizona in the areas of developmental psychology and psychology, policy, and law. From 2001 to 2003, she was funded by the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center and the Navy Family Study as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Wellesley Centers for Women. Herrera’s research focuses on examining the links between childhood exposure to family violence and adolescent problem behaviors. Much of her research concentrates specifically on gender differences and risk for delinquency.

Sundt received her bachelor’s in English from Indiana University Bloomington. She then earned her doctorate in criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati. Before joining the department, Sundt was at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She publishes in the areas of correctional policy, religion in prison, offender change, public attitudes toward punishment, and white-collar crime. Her current research focuses on the occupational experiences of correctional officers, the effectiveness of super-maximum security prisons, and religious coping and attribution. Sundt is chair of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee.

Professor William Pridemore’s first semester at IU was in fall 2004. He joined the faculty during the previous year but spent the 2003–04 academic year as a research fellow at Harvard University. After earning his MA in criminal justice at Indiana University, Pridemore spent a year teaching sociology and criminology in Ukraine before attending the State University of New York at Albany, where he received his PhD in criminal justice. He was on the sociology faculty at the University of Oklahoma for three years before coming to IU. Pridemore’s main areas of research are social structure and homicide; the impact of the social/economic/political transition of alcohol on homicide and suicide mortality in Russia; the measurement of crime and deviance; and far-right-wing culture and crime in the United States. His work is interdisciplinary in nature, and he has published in the leading journals of several disciplines, including criminology, sociology, public health, criminal justice, and area studies.

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the direction of doctoral student Vivane Saleh-Hanna, students tried to match the topic requests of inmates with available books. In the course of the program, students learned about the inmates’ experiences and the realities of prison life.

For the past two years, students from the criminal justice department have helped out with Sen. Richard Lugar’s Job Fair, which is held each year at the Armory in Indianapolis in late spring. The students help out in a multitude of ways to ensure the smooth functioning of the event. For example, they handed out flyers to advertise the event; they went up the day before the fair to help set up the room; they drove around Indianapolis placing signs to the fair; they welcomed attendees on the day of the fair; they escorted people around the booths at the fair; they handed out evaluation forms; and they stayed after the fair to help put away all the equipment. In return for their efforts, students were free to attend fair and receive an introduction to the many organizations represented at the event. The department certainly plans to continue its collaboration with Lugar’s office on this most important event. In the future, we hope to be able to arrange for transportation so that many more students from the Bloomington campus have easy access to the event.

— Marla Sandys

We want to hear from you!
Fill out the coupon on the back page and send it in. We’ll publish your news in the next issue of Criminal Justice.
In memoriam

Department mourns loss of beloved, respected faculty

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the deaths of three faculty members.

In August 2002, Professor Emeritus Robert Borkenstein died. As many of you may know, Borkenstein invented the Breathalyzer. What you may not know is that he was vital to the development of this department. He joined the faculty in 1958 after retiring from the Indiana State Police. He served as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice until 1971 and as director of the Center for Studies of Law in Action until his death.

It was under Borkenstein’s leadership that the seeds of the department as we now know it took root. Borkenstein understood the importance of a strong liberal arts education and fashioned the requirements for the major along those lines. Even during his retirement, he was an active and engaged member of the university community and continued to oversee the highly regarded Center for the Studies of Law in Action. The center still offers cutting-edge training sessions on drugs and alcohol for supervisors of laboratories across the country and around the world. Indiana University’s Department of Criminal Justice remains one of the oldest degree-granting programs in the country, and we owe much of our distinguished history to the foresight and creative energy of Robert Borkenstein.

Professor Borkenstein long ago established an award to recognize outstanding academic achievement at the graduate level. Recipients of this most prestigious award must first be nominated by a faculty member and then voted on by all members of the Graduate Affairs Committee. If you would like to help ensure the continuation of this award in Professor Borkenstein’s name, please send an e-mail of inquiry to crimjust@indiana.edu.

In April 2001, the department lost a dear friend when Professor William Selke died. Selke was a true advocate for students. As the longtime director of the department’s internship program, he saw the importance of providing students with the opportunity to apply the lessons of their course work to real-world situations. It was at his insistence and as a result of his hard work that the department began to offer a computer-based statistics course. Selke saw that some students were struggling to get through statistics and set out to find a solution. He teamed up with a colleague in the Department of Mathematics, and together they developed the hugely popular and successful class. Students who never thought that they could understand statistics discovered that they could, under the careful guidance of Selke’s patient teaching techniques.

To this day, Selke’s version of our statistics class is filled within minutes of its being open to registration. That statistics class epitomizes his legacy, for he was here to work with and to help students. He was an accomplished researcher, having published two books and numerous articles. He was highly respected among his peers, both nationally and internationally, in the area of corrections. However, his greatest joy came from working with students. His door was always open, and he went above and beyond to help students who wanted it.

Selke’s concern for students remains a cornerstone of our department’s mission, though his presence is sorely missed. To honor his memory, the department has created the Bill Selke Heart of Justice Award, which recognizes an outstanding graduating senior who not only excels in the classroom, but who also gives back to the community. If you would like to contribute to the Bill Selke Heart of Justice Award, please send an e-mail to crimjust@indiana.edu for more information.

It is difficult to think of the right words to describe Professor Coramae Richey Mann, who died in January. Words that come to mind are trailblazer, authentic, original, creative, mentor. She earned a master’s in clinical psychology and went into private practice for some 13 years. After that, she returned to school to earn her doctorate in sociology/criminology. She was then hired by Florida State University, where she remained until we convinced her to move north in fall 1988. Her primary reason for coming to Indiana University was her excitement at the challenge of implementing a new doctoral program.

The fact that she could help shape a new program was most appealing to her, and she certainly let her opinions be known. In fact, wherever she was, Mann made her presence known. She leaves a legacy of published works, including three highly acclaimed books that laid the groundwork for investigations of female criminality and racial discrimination in the administration of justice.

Mann’s outstanding reputation as a scholar brought her numerous awards, not the least of which were the Distinguished Scholar Award of the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Science’s highest award, the Bruce Smith Sr. Award for the “demonstration of leadership in the administration of criminal justice … in a manner that reflects the highest standards of integrity.” She also leaves a legacy of scholars, students whom she mentored over the course of her academic career and beyond. She was especially concerned with mentoring and recruiting students and colleagues of color.

First Selke Award goes to generous student

The first recipient of the Bill Selke Heart of Justice Award, Adam Carver, created the Points to People Program. Carver noticed that students were buying anything available at the end of the year so that they would not lose the money left on their meal cards. It was when he saw someone loading a cart with boxes of artificial sweetener that he realized that he might be able to help people out.

Carver contacted local nonprofit organizations and asked them for a wish list. He and some of his friends then stood at locations where students were using their meal cards and asked them if they might want to donate some of their points to buy specific items on the wish lists. That simple act of kindness resulted in hundreds of pounds and numerous trunk loads of deliveries to local organizations.

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It is hard to believe that this fall we welcomed our ninth class of graduate students since the doctoral program was ... meeting. The department has awarded a total of six PhDs. The recipients and the titles of their dissertations are:

- **Natalie Kroovand Hipple** (2002): “Police Officer-Facilitated Versus Civilian-Facilitated Family Group Conferences: Does it Matter Who the Facilitator Is?”
- **Michelle Brown** (2003): “Penological Crisis in America: Finding Meaning in Imprisonment Post-Rehabilitation”
- **Matthew J. Giblin** (2004): “Institutional Theory and the Recent Adoption and Activities of Crime Analysis Units in U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies”
- **Shani P. Gray** (2005): “Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) and Community Crime Control Initiatives.”

Five of these graduates (Hipple, Brown, Whiteacre, Giblin, and Kakoti) are now faculty members at highly respected programs in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, and Georgia, respectively. Whiteacre has pursued a fascinating course as a researcher for the Salvation Army in Illinois. And, in an interesting role reversal, Brown has just sent us one of her master’s students, who entered our doctoral program this fall.

So, while the doctoral program was a long time in coming, we are now beginning to hit our stride.

— Marla Sandys
1970s
David R. Parks, BA’78, recently finished his first year as a school administrator in Glendale, Ariz. He writes that he is “loving the job and the weather of Arizona.”

1980s
Karen L. Jordan, BA’84, of Alameda, Calif., has been promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, where she is a physician’s assistant.

After successfully defending his dissertation, “A Comparison of Depression and Alcohol Problems in Canadian Peacekeepers with Different Levels of Traumatic Stress,” Major Jeffrey S. Yarvis, BA’88, received his PhD in social work from the University of Georgia.

Howard L. Stevenson, BA’89, JD’93, is a founding partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Coleman Graham & Stevenson, which concentrates in business and corporate law. He and his wife, Christa (Baker) Stevenson, BS’93, live in Fishers, Ind., with their three sons.

1990s
Jason A. Drach, BA’93, and his wife, Kelly Tekulve, had a son, Noah David Drach, in April 2004.

In May 2004, Dennis H. Otten, BA’94, JD’98, joined the Indianapolis law firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson, where he is a member of the public finance practice group.

The New Jersey State Bar Association gave Jeffrey S. Mandel, BA’95, its Young Lawyer of the Year Award in May during the organization’s annual meeting. A senior associate with Pitney Hardin, Morristown, N.J., Mandel is the author of a forthcoming treatise on New Jersey appellate practice and has taught appellate advocacy as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law.

Matthew E. Johnson, BA’96, of Lancaster, Ohio, earned a master of laws in taxation from Capital University Law School in January 2004.

Alan B. Burchardt, BA’97, is a page designer for the Kansas City Star’s award-winning sports department. He also writes a weekly hockey feature.

Shontrai D. Irving, BA’97, MA’03, JD’03, is a deputy district attorney in the Lake County (Ind.) prosecutor’s office.

Kristina J. Gibney, BA’98, of Oak Park, Ill., and her husband had a son, Jackson, in July 2004.

Christopher W. Wenk, BA’99, of Washington, D.C., is director of international trade policy for the National Association of Manufacturers.

In 2004, Melissa Boyd, BA’99, wrote, “After moving to Oregon and working in public health, I became interested in midwifery. I currently attend a private midwifery college and am the conference coordinator for the 2004 International Waterbirth Congress. I am studying pre- and perinatal psychology and look forward to integrating this field into my work as a midwife.”

Sydney (Bourff) McCoy, BA’99, MLA’99, is the Oakley branch librarian in the Contra Costa County Library system.

2000s
Corey L. Harton, BA’00, is a police officer with the Indianapolis Police Department. He teaches a program called G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) to third- through sixth-grade students in the Indianapolis schools.

Timothy P. Siegert, BA’00, MS’02, is a guidance counselor at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis. His wife, Kelly (Mason) Siegert, BA’01, recently received a graduate degree in social studies education from Miami University. They can be reached at sieghihoops@hotmail.com.

Stacey R. (Howard) McCrery, BA’01, and Ryan J. McCrery, BS’02, were married in August 2004. They recently moved from San Diego to Indianapolis.

Heather (Cannataro) Overdorf, BA’02, is a corporate and foundation relations associate at America’s Second Harvest in Chicago. Her husband, Jared Overdorf, BA’01, is a client strategy specialist at CIGNA HealthCare.

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Department mourns

For example, Mann was instrumental in bringing Professor Leon Pettiway to the department. The two became such dear friends that Pettiway flew to Florida to visit Mann when it was clear that she was not long for this world, and, in fact, Mann died while he was visiting.

In recognition of Mann’s many contributions to the discipline of criminal justice, as well as to the department, we are establishing the Coramce Richey Mann Annual Lecture on Race, Gender, and Crime. For information on the lecture series, or to help make it happen, please send an e-mail to crimjust@indiana.edu. As plans for the inaugural talk become available, they will be posted on our Web site, www.indiana.edu/~crimjust. We hope to see you at the inaugural talk.

— Marla Sandys
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