

Criminal Justice



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From the chair

Department transitions and accomplishments

As our last newsletters have highlighted, your department has undergone important changes over the past few years. Changes continue, and they highlight the accomplishments of our students, staff, and faculty.

Professor **Marla Sandys** is stepping down as chair of the department. We are very grateful for her four years of service and her strong dedication to ensuring that we felt part of a caring, inclusive, and vibrant intellectual community. **Lee Luskin** also has completed her duties as director of graduate affairs. Like Sandys, Luskin made all of our lives easier. Among other things, she was in charge of admitting and guiding the many graduate students who taught many of you. Luskin and Sandys' service, sacrifice, and hard work certainly made a positive difference in our department.

Two faculty members who were integral to our department's mission have decided to leave us. **Hal Pepinsky** announced he will retire in December 2008. We will miss his creativity, thoughtfulness, and sense of what the field of criminal justice should be all about. **Jody Sundt** accepted an academic position in Oregon. She too will be missed. Like Pepinsky, she taught very large courses and worked very closely with students. Both are dedicated and accomplished scholars. Their teaching, research and service helped define what we are as a department.

On a brighter note, our professors continue on paths of distinction. Kip **Schlegel** was promoted to full professor, and we are very pleased with that high recognition. And, as usual, professors still engage in significant research activities. Several faculty members have been published by scholarly presses and in leading journals such as *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Signs: Journal of Women*



Lee Luskin and Marla Sandys with Roger Levesque at a spring farewell celebration.

in Culture and Society, and *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. Most spectacularly, **Stephanie Kane** recently earned a Fulbright Hayes fellowship.

We continue our strong tradition of attracting and graduating an impressive group of students. Our graduate program has peaked in size, with approximately 50 students. This large number of excellent students reveals the high interest in our unique interdisciplinary approach to crime and justice. With well over 500 undergraduate majors and approximately 100 minors, we continue to be one of the largest departments in the College. These impressive numbers reflect well how we take our teaching mission seriously and reach it successfully. In these pages, you will find numerous examples of impressive achievements. We encourage you to share your accomplishments and transitions with us. Keep in mind that no major news can be an accomplishment! So, keep in touch!

— Roger J.R. Levesque, Chair

Alumni gifts make a difference

Last spring, alumnus **Howard R. "Skip" Elliott**, BA'77, presented the department with a generous gift. The impact of his contribution has been enormous. It has allowed us to fund four graduate students' travel to conferences, two receptions to welcome new majors, a career showcase, an open house for students to meet faculty and other students, and much more. The results of these initiatives have been truly energizing.

Around the Department

Departmental Awards 2008

Undergraduate

Isiah Thomas Scholarship, *Danielle Rosner*

This scholarship is presented to an undergraduate student entering their junior year, and is based on academic scholarship, career goals, and financial need. This scholarship is endowed by criminal justice alumnus, **Isiah L. Thomas III**, BA'87.



Danielle Rosner

Selke Heart of Justice Award, *Tracy Carlson*

The department gives this award to an undergraduate senior, in honor of Bill Selke, a former colleague who died in 2001. The award recognizes outstanding effort in service and leadership within the field of criminal justice or social service related to criminal justice. It is given to a senior who strives to better local, national, or international communities.



Tracy Carlson

Outstanding Senior Award, *Helen Johnston*

This award recognizes a student who has achieved academic excellence, made significant contributions to our community, and shows promise for continued excellence and contributions.



Helen Johnston

Richard Steiner scholarship, *Passion Moore*

Richard Steiner, a former Criminal Justice major and Little 500 Working Scholarship recipient, is the benefactor of this award, which is typically awarded to a major with at least a 3.0 GPA.



Passion Moore

Graduate

Forensics Studies Hue and Cry Award, *Heather Pruss*

This award is sponsored by departmental alumni. The faculty selects recipients based on academic merit, teaching skills, and concern for the department's welfare and its students.



Heather Pruss

Robert F. Borkenstein Award, *Christopher Magno*

This award is endowed by Professor Emeritus **Robert Borkenstein**. It is presented each year to a student who exemplifies superior work at the graduate level.



Chris Magno

Graduate Affairs Committee Recognition for Excellence, *V.K. Thichempully Krishnadas*

The Graduate Affairs Committee, which is responsible for the administration of our graduate program, grants this award to recognize unusual excellence in course work and examinations.



V.K. Thichempully Krishnadas

Phi Beta Kappa

Election to Phi Beta Kappa honor society is generally considered to be the highest honor an undergraduate student can achieve in the liberal arts and sciences. In 2007, **Kara Brasch** was inducted. In 2008, **Lauren Berger**, **Deanna Dwenger**, **Helen Johnston**, **Samantha Salisbury**, and **Ryan Volz** earned this prestigious recognition.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honor society for criminal justice students. Eligibility is based on academic success in criminal justice as well as all other undergraduate work. The IU Bloomington chapter is *Beta Kappa*.



2007-08 CJS executive officers

Criminal Justice Student Association

The Criminal Justice Student Association was busy in 2007-08! This year, the CJSA will continue to invite speakers from criminal justice-related fields, provide more career networking and learning opportunities, participate in community service projects in our local community; and sponsor social activities. The department deeply appreciates students' commitment to building the CJSA and providing events for students.

Thank you to the following students for time served as executive officers in 2007-08: **Blake Wilson**, **Danielle Rosner**, **Michael Moore**, and **Brittany McDaniel**. Congratulations to the executive officers elected for the 2008-09 academic year: President **Brittany McDaniel**; Vice President **Danielle Rosner**; Treasurer **Nichole Wells**; and Secretary **Naomi Rubin**.

In 2008, **Elizabeth (Ashley) Agan**, **Brian Andree**, **Lauren Berger**, **Tracy Carlson**, **Jodi Churchill**, **Brandon Coffman**, **Steven Fernandez**, **Patrick Goodwin**, **Stephanie Meechan**, **Melinda Pickett**, **Amanda Prager**, **Brett Schultz**, **Ryan Simmons**, and **Laura Tuteral** joined the Alpha Phi Sigma ranks.

MA degrees conferred in 2008

Douglas Evans
Mohammad Salahuddin
Julia Scott
Jiong (Nora) Zhan



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Alumni Notebook

Before 1960

Larry R. Bricker, BA'59, retired in 1992, having worked for General Telephone and Electronics for 32 years. He served in senior management positions in five different states, the last of which was Texas. Since retiring, Bricker has pursued a hobby in woodworking. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Sapphire, N.C.

1960s

Richard A. Petty, BA'68, is retired. For 27 years he worked as a special agent for the National Security Agency, a private polygraph examiner, and a contract investigator with several government entities. Petty lives in Sedona, Ariz.

Keith A. Ritchie, BA'69, MS'70, retired from the CIA in 2005 and now serves as president of Warriors Limited in Sierra Vista, Ariz. He lives in Sierra Vista with his wife, Irene.

1970s

In August 2007, **Leonard O. Gardénour**, BA'73, became chairman of the criminal justice program at Ivy Tech Community College, Southern Indiana. His wife, **Rebecca (Baker)**, BA'74, is president of the New Albany-Floyd County (Ind.) School Board. They live in New Albany.

In 2006 **Cheryl Hillenburg**, BA'76, MSW'81, JD'87, was elected prosecutor of Crawford County, Ind. In February the Center for Women and Families recognized her as a Woman of Distinction. Hillenburg lives in Milltown, Ind., with her husband, **Stanley V. Pennington**, BA'80, MA'86, JD'90, a private civil attorney.

John "J.B." Spees, BA'77, retired from the FBI in March 2006 and then taught for the U.S. Navy for a year. He now works as federal law enforcement sales manager for Remington Arms Co. Spees's oldest child is a sophomore at Utah Valley University, and his daughter planned to attend Brigham Young University after graduating from high school. His youngest child is in fourth grade. "I will always be young in order to keep up with him," Spees writes. "Life is good in [Simpsonville] South Carolina, but I only get home to Indiana about twice a year."

Teddy Williams Jr., BA'77, is the owner of T. Wms. Co. in Huntington, W.Va. "I'm living freely and doing fine disseminating all the edu-

cational and cultural things that IU gave me," he writes. "I will hopefully return there in the future!" Williams lives in Huntington.

Debra L. Willis, BA'79, is the coordinator of test development for the American Dental Association in Chicago. She lives in Portage, Ind.

1980s

Cindy Garrett, BA'84, is the director of alumni outreach at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. She is also pursuing a master's degree in higher education administration at the College of William and Mary. She writes, "I don't get to use my journalism degree often at work, but my writing skills have sure come in handy in graduate school."

Dale Dewar II, BA'85, Cert'91, MPA'02, is a contracting officer for the U.S. Navy. He lives and works in New Orleans.

In 2007, **Kim Crider Davenport**, BA'86, MA'99, became development director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Previously, she served as director of Choices Inc.'s Family Preservation Program at the Indiana Women's Prison. Davenport has also served as director of the Marion County (Ind.) Drug Court. She lives in Westfield, Ind., with her husband, Ken, and their son, Oni.

Amy Lanz Owens, BA'86, is a senior analyst for Conesco Insurance Group in Carmel, Ind. She lives in Anderson, Ind., with her husband, Jim.

1990s

J. Suzanne Bell Barbieri, BA'92, JD'95, is vice president, law division, for National City Bank in Indianapolis. She married Daniel Barbieri in May 2003, and the couple has two daughters — Sophia, 3, and Victoria, 1. The family lives in Indianapolis.

Cidella Jackson Crenshaw, BA'92, writes, "I have two children, both boys. I just gave birth to our second son on Oct. 8, 2006. Their names are Jackson and Carter." She is a researcher at Parke Williams in Bloomington, Ind.

H.C. McCullough II, BA'92, is a community-planning consultant for the Family & Social Services Administration in Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Nichole, and children, Brookley and Carter.

Stacy Striegel Bennett, BA'94, is assistant property manager for Cousins Properties Inc. in Atlanta.

She lives in Duluth, Ga.

Brian L. Henry, BA'94, JD'98, of Phoenix, is a partner at the law firm Rai & Barone in Phoenix.

Jarrod D. Holtsclaw, BA'95, JD'98, is a prosecuting attorney for the 63rd judicial court in Greene County, Ind. He was elected to his position in November 2006 after serving eight years as a deputy prosecutor in Greene County. Holtsclaw lives in Bloomfield, Ind., with his wife, Jessica, and their son, Boone.

Soccer I-Man **Ernest L. Yarbrough**, BA'95, is primary goalkeepers coach for the men's soccer team at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Previously, he was a top assistant for the men's soccer team at the University of Michigan, handling the training of goalkeepers and serving as the team's recruiting coordinator.

Shontrai D. Irving, BA'97, MA/JD'03, is an attorney for State Farm Litigation Counsel in Crown Point, Ind. Since October 2006, he has served as a foster parent to four siblings, ages 3-9, and was recently named the Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association Foster Parent of the Year. After completing training in foster-parenting classes, Irving was initially contacted about caring for only one child. Later, however, he was touched by the siblings' attachment to each other and wanted to ensure that they stay together. Irving has also volunteered for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Habitat for Humanity. Recently named an Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, he lives in Gary, Ind.

Timothy L. DeMotte, BA'99, JD'02, is an attorney at law for Thom & DeMotte in Jasper, Ind. He has practiced law for five years. DeMotte married Bethany L. Heeke in February 2007. The couple lives in Jasper.

2000s

Erin M. Doty, BA'00, MPA'03, is a legislative assistant for U.S. Representative Heath Shuler of North Carolina. She lives and works in Washington, D.C., and can be contacted at doty.erin@gmail.com.

Heather L. Harris, Cert/BA'00, is a juvenile probation officer for the Marion County (Ind.) Juvenile Probation Office. She lives and works in Indianapolis.

Holly A. Welker, BA'00, of Bloomington, Ind., is enrolled in a master's degree program in criminal

justice at IUB. Her address is hwelker@indiana.edu.

Robert L. Mack, BA'01, is an assistant state's attorney at the Cook County (Ill.) State Attorney's Office. Previously, he spent six months in private practice, focusing on probate, guardianship, and estate planning. Mack lives in Barrington, Ill., and can be reached at rlmack@alumni.indiana.edu.

In June 2007, **Dustin C. Anderson**, BA'02, MPA'06, became an analyst for the government-consulting firm Management Partners Inc. in Cincinnati. He began the job after completing an International City/County Management Association management fellowship. Anderson can be contacted at dustincory-anderson@gmail.com. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Jennifer, a classroom educator at the Cincinnati Museum Center.

In 2007, **James P. Trulock**, BA'03, received a juris doctor degree from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law. He lives in Ada, Ohio.

Elizabeth T. Gable, BA'04, is a probation officer for the Floyd Circuit Court Juvenile Probation Office in New Albany, Ind. She lives in Sellersburg, Ind.

In November 2007, eight IU alumni became associates at the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. **John O. Gaidoo**, BA'04, JD'07, joined the labor and employment group; Marcelo S. Copat, JD'07, joined the firm's intellectual-property group; Amy Miller Cornell, JD'06, joined the health and life sciences practice group; Teresa A. Griffin, JD'07, joined the business-litigation practice group with a concentration in family law; Sarah C. Jenkins, BAJ'03, JD'06, joined the trusts and estates group; Kevin M. Kimmerling, JD'06, joined the business-litigation practice group; Heather E. Moore, JD'07, joined the nonprofit practice group; and Eric T. Thieme, JD'07, joined the health and life sciences group.

In 2007, four IU Bloomington alumni served as summer associates at the law firm Bingham McHale in Indianapolis: **Catherine A. Haines**, BA'04, of Nashville, Tenn.; **Mary E. Nyman**, BA'05, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; **Jared S. Sunday**, BS'01, of Bloomington, Ind.; and **Tonya Vachirasomboon**, BS'05, of Crown Point, Ind. All four alumni expect to receive their juris doctor degrees in May 2008.

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Alumni notebook

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Gregory G. Justis, BA'04, is an adjunct criminal justice instructor at St. Catharine (Ky.) College. He lives in Lexington.

In 2007 **Jacqueline M. Mikita, BA'04**, received a juris doctor degree from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law. She lives in Cincinnati.

Elizabeth A. Starck, BA'05, is a probation officer for Clark Superior Court 3 in Jeffersonville, Ind. A substance abuse management specialist, she lives in Jeffersonville.

Erin L. Voegeli, Cert'05, BA'06, is a student in DePaul University's College of Law in Chicago. She plans to receive her juris doctor degree in May 2009. Voegeli lives in Chicago.

In October 2007, **Brian M. Williams, BA'05, MPA'07**, married Stacy L. Howell, BS'05. Williams works for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and Howell is a third-year student at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis. The couple lives and works in Indianapolis.

Kelly Marie Reinhold, BA/Cert'06, and Christopher Thomas Young, BS'05, were married on June 16, 2007. Chris is a sixth-grade science teacher and head wrestling coach at Doe Creek Middle School in New Palestine, Ind. Kelly works for Humana Inc. as a human-resources analyst. The couple recently purchased their first home in New Palestine.



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