Greetings Alumni!

It is time once again for another edition of The Rap Sheet. As we draw near to the end of another semester, it is important to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year. First of all, congratulations to all of our Spring and Summer 2011 B.A./B.S. and M.S. recipients! You are now part of a prestigious group of over 4,000 other graduates from the department. It is our hope that you remain in touch as you begin your careers.

In this issue, you will read about alumni who have received Department and College awards, and about Dr. Dawn Beichner, who took a group of students to Croatia. There, they attended an international symposium at the Inter University Centre Dubrovnick. Students describe this experience as “life-changing.” These types of trips not only expand the substantive knowledge of our students, but they get to experience the culture of another country and learn how crime is addressed outside the US. Likewise, students from other universities benefit from visiting our country. Over the summer, Dr. Sesha Kethineni brought a group of students and practitioners from India and Bhutan. Our guests visited local criminal agencies and attended our summer courses. They also enjoyed some social time fishing and sightseeing in Chicago. The Department is truly developing “global scholars,” which is in line with the goals of the university and the college.

We remain steadfast in our desire to re-connect with our alums. Next year the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences will celebrate its 40th anniversary. This provides us ample opportunity to meet. If you would like to get involved in the planning of events—please get in touch!

As always, we very much appreciate your support to the Department. With your gifts and continued support, we will remain committed to expanding the opportunities we offer to our undergraduate and graduate students.
Alumni News

2011 CAST Hall of Fame Inductee
Mike Emery, BS 2003, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Mike Emery ’03 has served in the McLean County Sherriff’s Department since 1981 and was elected sheriff in 2006. He received his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University in 2003, and is a 1996 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (186th session, Quantico, Virginia). His experience in law enforcement includes work as a patrol shift commander, Patrol Division commander, chief deputy, Support Services command Lieutenant, and his election to sheriff. Emery has been a member of many different organizations throughout his career, serving as a board or executive member in some instances. Some of the professional organizations he works with include the Illinois Sheriff’s Association; Legislative, Training, Budget, and Finance Committees; the National Sheriff’s Association; and Illinois Association of the FBI National Academy. He has also served as an executive board member and vice chairman for the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the vice chairman of the Law and Justice Commission and Illinois Local Governmental Law Enforcement Training Board, and president of the McLean County Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.). Some of the training programs Emery has participated in include programs on terrorism, identity theft and cyber stalking, campus public safety, response to weapons of mass destruction, computer forensics, and other northeast multiregional training. He has also earned several awards. Emery was the 2009 recipient of the Illinois State University Criminal Justice Services Distinguished Alumnus Award, the 2002 winner of the State of Illinois M.A.D.D. Outstanding Volunteer Award, numerous Life Saving Awards from the American Red Cross and United States Veterans of Foreign War Post 454. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Marine Corps and the United States Marshall’s Service Letter of Appreciation. Emery served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 – 1979 and has been married to his wife, Becky for 29 years; they have two sons, Ryan and Chad, and a family pet named Duke.

2011 Department of Criminal Justice Sciences Distinguished Alumnus
Kent Crutcher, 2010 BS

Kent Crutcher ’10 is a proud alumnus of ISU who has served the town of Normal and the ISU community for many years. Crutcher left Normal Police Department after a 25 year long career in which he served in the capacity of Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief of Police and the Chief. He initiated the implementation of various training programs, such as the Mental Health Early Notification Program, the Crisis Intervention Team in McLean County, crime mapping both in house and on the Normal PD website, and opened the police substation in north Normal, just to name a few. He is affiliated with the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, F.B.I. National Academy Association, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and many more. Throughout his time at Normal PD, Kent has been a supporter of our department through guest speaking, sending representatives to career fairs, and offering internship opportunities through the Normal PD. Upon leaving Normal PD, Kent and his family relocated to Branson, Missouri where he is now Chief of Police for Branson Police Department.

Do you know an alum who deserves special recognition? Nominate him or her to the CAST Academy of Achievement or the CAST Hall of Fame!
2011 Department of Criminal Justice Sciences Distinguished Young Alumnus
Eric Mascari, 2008 BS

Eric Mascari ’08, a Criminal Investigator with US Housing & Urban Development Office of Inspector General, was awarded the Criminal Justice Sciences Department’s first Distinguished Young Alumni Award. Prior to his time at ISU, Mascari served in the Navy where he served three tours of duty in the Middle East and was awarded Sailor of the Year in 2005. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science in 2008 and began his Master’s in Criminal Justice Sciences prior to his employment with HUD.

While at ISU, Mascari was a Peter V. Vitucci Memorial Scholarship recipient, Bone Scholar Nominee, Future Alumni of the Year Nominee, and won the Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Community Service Award. Once in the field, Eric has been very active with the department, coming back to guest speak as often as possible. “My CJS degree has truly been an invaluable tool in my life both professionally and personally. Much of what I learned at ISU I have been able to carry over from the classroom to the practical experience, especially writing reports. The superior instruction I received at ISU helped me get where I am today in my career at the HUD OIG.” Eric is a proud recipient of the Rookie Special Agent of the Year – HUD-OIG and looks forward to a long career with his agency.

2011 CAST Academy of Achievement Inductee
Randall Wikoff, 1985 BA, 2007 MA, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences

Randall Wikoff has served with the Bloomington Police Department since 1988. During this time he has held positions as a patrol officer, field training officer, police sniper and SWAT member. Since being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2004, he has been assigned as a Patrol Sergeant, Field Training Sergeant, SWAT supervisor, Sniper Team Leader, and Internal Investigator in the Office of Professional Standards. He is currently a Detective Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division. He served as Deputy Coroner for the McLean County Coroner’s Office for seven years. He is an Account representative for the Police and Firemen’s Insurance Association. Wikoff completed his Masters of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Science in 2007, and is a non-tenured track lecturer for the Criminal Justice Department.

Wikoff was inducted into the CAST Academy of Achievement in April 2011. The Academy of Achievement is awarded to a CAST Graduate who demonstrated significant contributions to chosen profession/community and demonstrated commitment to ISU post graduation. When asked what his reaction to this recognition was, Randall stated, “I was taken completely by surprise when I found out about the CAST Academy of Achievement recognition. I certainly felt that the other recipients were outstanding representatives for the College of Applied Science and Technology, and it was really an honor even to be included with them... All of my experiences and all of my check-points which were considered for the recognition, would not have materialized without the support of my family. My association and success at ISU would not have happened without the support and strong encouragement which I received from the terrific faculty and staff in the CJS Department.”
Student News
May 2011 Graduates

Undergraduate

Ryan Abad
Antonio Abalos
Teegan Bartos
Zachary Benning
Antoinette Bolz
David Bryant
Zachary Burnett
Michael Burns
Frankie Campos
Carlos Carabajal
April Carlson
Rachel Chapman
Wesley Chow
Alex Colbrook
Michael Cwynar*
Jeffrey Dadam
Andrew Declercq
Kelly Dedick
Angelica Dibenedetto
Taylor Droy
Andrew Dunn
Kyle Fambro
Everette Shawn Ford Jr.
Joshua Freeman
Jessica Frink
Nakia Glover
Vance Godbold
Evan Grant
Joshua Grimwood
Thomas Hadler
Tavia Hall

Jamie Harrison
Joshua Heller
Timothy Herlich
James Hernandez
William Hook
James Hoyt
Rebekah Irpino
Morganne Isaacs
Adam Jobst
Willie Jones-Allen
Kyle Kachmer
Gregory Kinsella*
Thomasz Krzysiat
Brandy Kuna
Joshua Lamb
Kevin Lange
Justin Lankford
Zachery Lawrence
Benjamin Light
Bryan Lorden
Daniel Mahoney
Thomas Manasek
Roberto Mancera
Jeffrey Martin
Jacob McCowan*
Kevin McKanna
Vanessa Mendez
Heather Merz
Jason Meuwissen
Kevin Meyer
Sarah Miklavcic
Matthew Milhauser
Joshua Mose
Jordan Muckey
Antonio Muzzarelli
Robert Neal
Monique New
Jeffrey Nussbaum
Sarah Nutter
Dave Olivero
Michael Ornelas
Drew Osterholt
Lawrence Petrey III
Michael Pickard
Renee Piggott
Patrick Ragen
Joel Ramirez
Sean Rees
Ryan Riley
Jennifer Rohde
Jonathan Roseman
Kirstin Rueck
Garrett Ryder
Jessica Sarff
Sarah Schafer
Andrew Schonauer
Andrew Schopp
William Sellers
Meagan Semmelroth
Bret Sholty
Hannah Siegel
Patrick Sierra

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Graduate

Robert Bregant II
Kendra Clevenger
Eliasar Herrera
Shelley Mallory
Amy Stork

Summer 2011 ROTC Commissioning

Each semester students in the ROTC program are commissioned as officers.

2nd Lieutenant James Hernan ’11
**Student News**

**Study Abroad - Croatia**

Beautiful bright summer beaches, elegant and sophisticated architecture, and a culture long standing in European traditions, these are just a few descriptors of Dubrovnik, Croatia. This past summer, five students from Illinois States Criminal Justice Department were given the opportunity to share international experiences while studying abroad. The aim of this program was very simple in nature; educate and uplift the world from a global spectrum.

Inter University Centre Dubrovnik, which is an English speaking institution in Dubrovnik, Croatia, played host to upwards of one hundred college students and professors from across the globe for a two week course on the unique aspects of Criminal Justice in various countries. The victimology/criminology course covered several topics which included but were not limited to, restorative justice, peace circles, rape, prostitution, environmental issues, and alternatives to incarceration. Global leaders in these fields of interest shared their research on the topics and healthy dialogue was utilized after every presentation to identify ways to incorporate these ideals into each individual countries system. To conclude the coursework, students were asked to present on a topic of their interest, as it relates to, criminology/victimology.

As I reflect back on the time spent overseas, I am truly grateful to have met so many intelligent colleagues. These students were bright beyond belief and we were able to break down barriers and communicate in hopes of making the world a better place to reside in. In an effort to solidify our bonds, the organizers of the course offered plenty of recreational activities to create a healthy balance of education and excitement. We received freshly caught oysters on a boat ride throughout the Adriatic Sea, spiraled thousands of feet into the mountains of Montenegro, and ate freshly prepared dinners at Europe’s finest restaurants. All in all, Croatia was a great experience to learn and grow educationally and gain a better appreciation for the world around us!

-Vance GodBold ’11

"My time in Dubrovnik was soul-touching. My family came from Croatia and I learned during my time in the country that members of my family stood up to the Nazis in Croatia. The conference helped me to research what happened to them and give them the type of memorial they deserve--telling their story." - Aubry Stapleton, Junior

"I loved Croatia. It was great to have a study abroad experience as a graduate student, because I thought I had lost my opportunity. I thought it was just for undergraduate students. It was a great learning experience. I am so glad I went and cannot wait to go back." - Mary Hurtenbach, 2nd year graduate student
Student News

**FBI National Academy Associates of Illinois Seminars**

September 7th-9th, 2011, was the FBI National Academy Associates of Illinois held the 2011 Annual Training Seminar at the Marriott Hotel and Resort in Uptown Normal. Some of the undergraduate and graduate students in the Criminal Justice Department at Illinois State University had the great opportunity to go to sit in on the seminars and speak with the many professionals that attended.

The seminars that were presented included: “Budget Dilemmas, Doing More with Less,” “9/11: Ten Years Later, Lessons Learned & Lessons Not Learned,” “Trickle Down Affect on Local Law Enforcement,” and “Rural Policing and The Spread of Meth Labs.” The instructors that taught these seminars included police officers from Daytona Beach and New York, retired Military officers, professors from the American Military University, and even ISU Criminal Justice Department’s Professor Ralph A. Weisheit.

Students were able to learn a lot about the current situations in our Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement societies alike. They learned that the key to success in the field is the importance of communication and information sharing between departments and agencies. They were given insight as to what to expect of the Criminal Justice field in the near future when they graduate and soon begin their careers. The students gained a great perspective of each and every agency and department throughout the state and the nation from the diverse array of professionals that attended the seminar. The experience was one of a kind for the students that attended and the educational benefit they gained from attending will last past their time as Illinois State University students and into their future careers as Criminal Justice Professionals.

Bill Calbow ’12

**RSO Spotlight- The Social Justice Project**

The purpose of the Social Justice Project is to inform Illinois State University students, faculty, staff and residents in the Bloomington-Normal area about issues involving social injustice, to debate said issues in order to get to the root of the problems, and to develop and apply plans of action in order to have a positive impact on the issue and/or people affected by it. We do this through campus debates, fundraisers and charity events. In September, The Social Justice Project hosted a Lifetime Sex Registration Debate on the topic “Should Sex Offenders Have to Register for the Rest of Their Lives?” In October the organization hosted a program on Incorrect Incarcerations. Students were informed about how often this happens and raised money to help those who have been affected by it. In November, Drug Testing and Welfare Debate covering mandatory drug testing for welfare recipients, and they also hosted a Sex Trafficking informational session and fundraiser.

The highlight of the year will be on April 3, 2012, when The Social Justice Project brings to campus Dale Helmig, a previously incorrectly incarcerated man, to speak about his experiences to students. Please watch the University Calendar for more information!
Scholarship News

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

The American Criminal Justice System has worked diligently to remedy discriminatory practices against minorities. While much has been done in recent past to remedy bad practices, there is much more that can be accomplished to ensure that justice in America is truly justice for all the people of this great nation.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to social justice—working for people whose voices were silenced and for those who were victimized by a system that protected the interests of the status quo. He fought against injustice and violence. Working diligently for principles of equality, dignity, respect, he did so through peaceful change. He was a man of vision and compassion whose work touched generations still to come.

The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences established the Martin Luther King scholarship to honor Reverend King’s work and ideals. The scholarship will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to the spirit of Reverend King’s philosophies through community service, compassion, empathy, and work toward social justice. Please support the Martin Luther King Scholarship by making a contribution to continue opportunities for deserving students.

Thanks to our donors, the CJS Department is able to offer scholarships and other opportunities to our students, such as attending conferences with faculty to present research. This year, the Department saw an increase in overall Annual Giving, as well as the Gladly We Give campaign, which consists of faculty, staff and retiree donations. In addition, the CJS Department placed second University-wide in the Spirit Tassel Challenge, which gives graduating Seniors an opportunity to donate to the next generation of Redbirds. CJS also has a new scholarship, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship for underrepresented students. If you are interested in donating to any scholarship fund or the CJS Department in general, please click here, or visit http://criminaljustice.illinoisstate.edu and click on the Giving to Illinois State link. Please be sure to specify in the notes section to which scholarship you would like to donate.

Congratulations to Vance GodBold ’11, who was the first recipient of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Vance began his first semester in the CJS Graduate Program in the fall 2011 semester, and is a graduate assistant in the Dean of Students Office.

- James Agnew, Jr.
- Christine and Brett Ahring
- Daron Bagnell
- John Bell
- Melissa and Michael Benjamin
- Robert and Toni Bentel
- Charlene Berger
- Thomas and Amy Bower
- Mark & Crystal Bronke
- David and Rita Butler
- Roxanne Castleton & Philip Foster
- Rachel Chapman
- Kendra Clevenger
- Karmen & Jeff Coates
- Curtis & Nancy Corbige
- Annie Davis
- Justin Fitzgerald
- Jerry Gilmore and Paulette Fleming-Gilmore
- Becky Goddard
- Jan & Jeffry Gray
- Joshua Grimwood
- Thomas Gronski
- Jose Hernandez
- Kathrine Johnson
- John Kelly
- Kristie & Peter Kowall
- Randee & Michael Kuzma
- Russell LaPier & Lisa Rasmussen
- Jessika Lopez
- Mark & Karen Lowery
- Aleisha Mack
- Joel McCloskey
- Jacob McCowan
- Donald Mead
- Adam Medina
- Mary Miklavcic
- Daette Petrey
- Christine Pickard
- Julie Price
- Cara Rabe-Hemp and Jason Hemp
- Dina Raya
- Jenele Rohde
- Kathryn and Conrad Rubinkowski
- Jeffrey Salsbery
- Jackie Schneider
- Daniel Schneider
- Jane & Steve Scobie
- Frederick & Lori Shields
- Kemmy & Glenn Stickney
- Scott Thomas
- Richard VanAndtwerp, Jr.
- Trent & Tricia Vandersnick
- Polly & Dale Vos
- Cathy Walz
- Corey Watson
- Michael & Michelle Weghorst
- Tracy & Mason Wehrle
- Ralph & Carol Weisheit
- Ed & Anna Wells
- Bradley Widmer
- Clinton Wright
Department News

Homecoming 2011

Homecoming is a great time for us to reconnect with alums. If you would like to get involved with next year’s festivities, please let us know!

The APS/CJA /Social Justice Homecoming Float won 2nd Place in the float contest!
Visitors from India
We want to hear from you!

What are you doing now? The CJS Department wants to know!

Please e-mail criminaljustice@ilstu.edu with your updates!