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The Alumni Newsletter of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State University



Greetings from the Department Chair

Greetings from Normal!

The campus looks like a beautiful watercolor these days with the colors of autumn everywhere. There is a crispness in the air and great news to share from the Department. Before that, I would like to take time to remember Dr. L. Edward Wells. October 20th marked the 1-year anniversary of the passing of our good friend, colleague, and mentor. There exists a deep wound in the department—one that can never truly heal—it just gets soothed these days by reminiscing fond memories of the man who taught us all great life-lessons—to be honest, hardworking, and humble in our accomplishments. We remember Dr. Wells with great admiration and love.

All of our students (undergraduate and postgraduate) continue to make the Department proud. We have near-record enrollment in both of our degrees, thus assisting the university in its goal to increase overall student numbers. The quality of our programs has not suffered with the increases. We've had record numbers of theses written and defended in recent months. Our undergraduates continue to study abroad, volunteer in the community, succeed at their internships, conduct research and publish with our faculty, all while making yet another award winning Homecoming float—1st place for the second year in a row!

Our students and alumni continue to thrive in their careers, education, and communities. John Navarro '14 was named the College of Applied Science and Technology's Outstanding Researcher Award and also represents the college in the university-wide Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award. John is currently continuing his education at the University of Louisville in a doctoral program. Jeanna Rodda and Daniel Anderson recently presented research that identified specific programming needs of female jail inmates at the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. If you still have a thesis to complete—get in touch! We want to report your successes in the coming newsletters.

In this issue you'll meet our new graduate assistants, who continue the long-running trend of accepting talented and inquisitive students. They follow a group of graduate students who represented the Department so incredibly well at international, national, and regional research conferences, as well as at the Graduate Research Symposium this year. Topics included anti-poaching efforts in South Africa, terrorism, impact of the presences of sex offenders on home sale prices, human trafficking and testing strain theory using South Korean youths.

As the holidays quickly approach,



Dr. Jacqueline Schneider

I always take time to reflect on things for which I am thankful. I am always grateful to have opportunities to talk proudly about our Department because I know that there exists no place that rivals the dedication, enthusiasm, and compassion that the faculty and staff show our students and alumni. None of the amazing accomplishments and experiences our students have had could take place without the teaching, guidance, and mentoring provided by our most talented faculty and members of staff. My congratulations to them for yet another successful term here at ISU.

As you read through the newsletter, please remember that without your continued support—either by returning to campus to guest lecture, provide internship opportunities or through your generous donations—our students would not have had the well-rounded and life-changing experiences that they receive here at ISU.

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2014 CAST Hall of Fame - Tami Haukedahl '80

By Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp



Tami Haukedahl '80 was inducted into the CAST Hall of Fame on Friday, October 24, 2014. Tami is a retired Captain of District 15 (Chicago Toll Roads) of the Illinois State Police Department and is currently the Deputy Chief of Elgin Community College Police. During her 27-year tenure with the Illinois State Police, she served as District Commander for the largest State Police District in the state. In that role, she supervised 185 sworn officers and a \$25 million dollar annual budget.

Tami is a trailblazer, breaking barriers as one of few women who have achieved the rank of Captain within the Illinois State Police. The potential for enduring change in the field of policing is great as women leaders, such as Tami, continue to make great strides in achieving high ranks, breaking down assignment barriers, and ensuring just opportunities for future generations of women police.

While with ISP, Tami led District 15 to a first place award in the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Challenges and was instrumental in establishing an intergovernmental agreement between ISP and the Illinois Toll Highway Authority. Throughout her career, Tami has served as a certified Instructor for ISP in Critical Incident Response.

After her retirement from the State Police, Tami became the Deputy Chief of Police at Elgin Community College. In this position, she has developed and produced the first comprehensive Campus Emergency Operations and Campus Violence Prevention Plans. In addition, she established an Emergency Notification System for students and college employees.

Since her graduation from Illinois State University in 1980, she has dedicated herself to giving back to the Criminal Justice Sciences Department, guest speaking in classes and participating in panel presentations for our students and making herself available to students who had questions about going into law enforcement. In celebration of her dedication, Tami was previously awarded CJS's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007.

While a student at Illinois State, Tami played on the Women's Basketball team under Hall of Fame Coach Jill Hutchison's leadership, representing ISU as team captain her senior year. Her love of fitness and service culminated in 2010 with the opening of her own company, Hawk Fitness. Tami's Train Like A Trooper Boot Camps offer clients an exciting and unique way to get fit, lose weight, lose inches, tone up, build muscle, and increase athletic performance. For her efforts, Tami was awarded a Chicago Tribune March 2013 Remarkable Woman Honorable Mention.

Tami credits her family - her parents Robert and Carole; her son Ryan and his wife, Brianna; her grandchild, Alexandra; and her spouse, Mary Kay - for her success.

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!

2014 CJS Distinguished Alumnus - Randy Macak '82

Randy Macak received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University in 1982. After graduation he worked as a Therapeutic Family Counselor for the Thornton Township Youth Committee. He currently is Deputy Director of McLean Juvenile Probation, serving in that capacity since 2000. He has more than 30 years of experience working with the Juvenile Justice System. He earned his Master's degree from the University of Illinois-Springfield. He has been teaching at Illinois State University since 2000 as an adjunct faculty member.





Congratulations CJS for winning 1st place for the RSO floats! A huge thank you to all students, faculty, staff, and friends of CJS who helped out with the float building. It was truly a group effort and those efforts paid off. Also, we want to thank CJS Alum Peter Lynch '81 for his support of this year's Homecoming float!



Join us next year to Back the Birds at Homecoming, October 19-25, 2015!



Faculty Publications/Presentations



Dr. Dawn Beichner, Associate Professor

Publications:

Cannon, K., Dirks-Linhorst, P., Cobb, P., Maatia, Florence, Beichner, D. & Ogle, R. (2013). LGBT issues and criminal justice education. In Dana Peterson and Vanessa Panfil (Eds), *Handbook of LGBT Communities, Crime, and Justice*. Pp. 261-282. Springer: New York.

Presentation:

Beichner, Dawn and Cara Rabe-Hemp. "From Mothering on the Inside to Mothering on the Outside: The Transition Back Into Motherhood Following Incarceration." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, November 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Interviews:

"Missing Mothers: Program to Help Jailed Moms Build Parenting Skills," The Pantagraph

Community Involvement:

Dr. Beichner is on the board for Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women.



Dr. Shelly Clevenger, Assistant Professor

Publications:

Clevenger, S.L. (2014). Treatment of victims in the criminal justice system. In T. Richards & C. Marcum (Eds) *Sexual Violence; Then and Now*. Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks CA.

Dr. Michael Gizzi, Associate Professor

Publications:

"Using Technology the Founders Never Dreamed of: Cell Phones as Tracking Devices and the Fourth Amendment," *The University of Denver Criminal Law Review*, Vol 4., August 2014. (Co-author: R. Craig Curtis and Michael Kittelson).

Presentations:

"Why the Supreme Court Uses Per Curiam Opinions: Lessons from the Papers of the Justices," Poster, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC. August, 2014.

"Explaining the Roberts Court's Evolving Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence," Annual Meeting, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL. September, 2014.

Community Involvement:

Dr. Gizzi is a board member for the American Civil Liberties Union of Central Illinois and Bloomington-Normal Friends Forever USA.

Faculty Publications/Presentations



Dr. Jason Ingram, Assistant Professor

Publications:

Ingram, Jason R. & William Terrill. (2014). Relational Demography and Officers' Occupational Attitudes: The Influence of Workgroup Context. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 42(4), 309-320.

Ingram, Jason R., Robert R. Weidner, Eugene A. Paoline III., & William Terrill. (2014). Supervisory Influences on Officers' Perceptions of Less Lethal Force Policy: A Multilevel Analysis. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 37(2), 355-372.



Dr. Sesha Kethineni, Professor

Publications:

Sesha Kethineni (2014) (Ed.). *Comparative and International Policing, Justice, and Transnational Crime*, 2nd Ed. Carolina Academic Press.

Community Involvement:

Dr. Kethineni is active with the Juvenile Justice Council, and attends Redeploy Illinois meetings as a consultant for the McLean County Court Services.



Dr. Jessie Krienert, Professor

Publications:

Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A., and Lech, L.** Alternatives to abstinence: The practice of (un) safe sex in prison. *Criminal Justice Studies*. Online First, July 2014.

Presentations:

Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A., and Cole, G.** (2014) "Law enforcement protocol for companion animals in domestic violence calls." Presented on a panel titled "National and international issues in sexual violence and exploitation" at the 2014 Midwest Criminal Justice Association's annual meeting/conference.

**Genoa Cole is a graduate student in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences.

**Lukasz Lech '14 is a graduate of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Community Involvement:

Dr. Krienert is also currently the chairperson of the McLean County Jail Review Committee, which is an independent committee that works to identify areas of concern regarding conditions within the McLean County Jail. The committee then brings these areas of concern to the attention of jail administration and other public officials.

Faculty Publications/Presentations



Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp, Associate Professor

Publications:

Rabe-Hemp, C & Humiston-Sears, G. (2014) A Survey of Maternity Policies and Pregnancy Accommodations in the United States. *Police Practice and Research*. Online First: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15614263.2013.872988>.

Community Involvement:

In the Bloomington/Normal community, Prof Rabe-Hemp has worked with local police agencies through McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, CIT Police Training Development Committee, and McLean County Mental Health Initiative. Recently student in her class, *Criminalizing the mentally ill*, created public service announcement that has been utilized to raise awareness about the astounding numbers of mentally ill that are being housed and treated in the criminal justice system, rather than the mental health system in the United States.



Dr. Jeff Walsh, Associate Professor

Publications:

Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A., and Lech, L.** Alternatives to abstinence: The practice of (un) safe sex in prison. *Criminal Justice Studies*. Online First, July 2014.

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Mrs. Tracy Wehrle, M.S., Professional Practicum Coordinator

Presentations:

Wehrle, T.L., “Experiential Learning in criminal justice.” Round Table discussion at the 2014 Midwest Criminal Justice Association’s annual meeting/conference.

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Did you know there are more than 5,400 Criminal Justice Sciences alumni around the world? BUT we only have good email addresses for one-third of you! As you can see, the department continues to grow, thrive AND succeed. We want to make sure all of our alumni and friends are aware and keep connected. **Remember to share this newsletter with other alumni and friends.**

January 17, 2015 is the last day of this academic year that tuition alone covers the cost to educate a student. The state only supports 19% of ISU's total operating expenses. This leaves the University responsible to make up the difference. This is why we ask for your support again and again.

Did you know we have less than 100 alumni giving back to the department annually? This leaves the students, faculty and staff with extremely limited resources. Criminal Justice Sciences awards one departmental scholarship and 5 awards annually. These include the Peter V. Vitucci endowed scholarship, a community service award, 2 department scholar awards, an outstanding graduate student award, and a Martin Luther King, Jr. award. The awards range from \$250.00 -500.00. The department also assists with conference travel for undergraduate and graduate students and provides state of the art computer programs, such as GIS. With more than 500 majors we wish we could do more, but it is not possible.

We are asking you today to think about your education, your career, and your path in life. If you feel in any way that ISU had a positive impact please consider making an investment in our future alumni. Your gift of any size truly will make a difference.

Use this link to make a difference today, or support our outstanding programs by mailing your contribution to: ISU Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000. Write on the memo line of the check, CJS Excellence Fund or CJS Scholarship Fund

-Thank you for your investment-



CAST Going Global

Alexis LaPorta



Coming into college, I never once thought about going abroad. It's not that I was not fond of the idea. I just never thought it was for me and quite honestly it seemed like a lot of work and a lot of money, something unobtainable. Eventually I would start hearing people's stories about studying abroad and it began to seem like more of a real thing. I decided to stop by the study abroad office my sophomore year and just gather some general information. I talked to an advisor there who laid out all of the possible destinations and any information I could possibly need. Still, I felt

like this was not exactly an experience that I would go through with. Then, one day in Spanish 116 my friend Taylor was talking about how she was applying to study in Granada, Spain and it was there that I impulsively made the decision to apply. That's all I had to do. Even if I didn't get accepted, I at least tried.



So I went to the ISU study abroad webpage and began the application process. I'll have you know I started this entire process about five days before everything was due and I would not recommend going about it in that manner. There was quite a bit of paperwork and running back and forth from the study abroad office in Fell, but I got it done. After turning in my application, the whole thing kind of slipped into the back of my mind until I received an email saying I was accepted. That day I called my parents and asked where my passport was. My mom, being the worrier that she is, freaked out and was in complete shock that I told her nothing of this idea before. Still, she supported it and helped me obtain my visa and all other documents that were necessary to go abroad.

So there it was. In spring of 2014, I travelled to Granada, Spain to study for 5 months. I attended the University of Granada and took classes such as Islamic Culture, Writing in the Spanish Language, History of Spain, Spanish Literature, and a grammar class. All of my classes were taught in Spanish and it truly helped me to immerse myself in the language and the culture. I stayed with a host mother whom I still to this day remain in contact with. My roommate, who was from New Jersey, has become one of my best friends and we have already seen each other since coming back home. We travelled everywhere together to places such as Portugal, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Morocco. This whole experience was incredible and life changing. To think that before I left I was seriously questioning buying my plane ticket all of a sudden seemed crazy to me because I cannot imagine my life without this experience. Not only did I meet people who I became so close with but I learned so much in those short months. My language skills were one of the countless skills that improved while I was abroad. Personally, I would highly recommend this experience to anyone who has the chance.



2015 Social Sciences Internship and Job Fair

On January 23, 2014 the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, the School of Social Work, and the Departments of Psychology, Sociology and Politics and Government hosted the 3rd annual Social Sciences Internship and Job Fair. We had 59 agencies/departments and 169 students attend. Feedback on the event was great. Students felt they were provided the opportunity to have one-on-one time with employers and employers felt the students were very well-prepared and professional. This event is open to everyone and is free of charge. The date for the 2015 spring fair is January 21, 2015. The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. in the Bone Student Center's Brown Ballroom. If you would like your agency to be included for the 2015 Social Sciences Internship and Job Fair, please contact criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu.



CJS in the News



Dr. Dawn Beichner, along with graduate students Jeanna Rodda and Daniel Anderson, has recently completed a study focusing on women in the McLean County Jail, which was shared with the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. [Read the full article here!](#)



John Navarro '14 was the 2014 recipient of the [College of Applied Science and Technology's Outstanding Researcher Award](#), as well as the University-wide [Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award](#). Navarro is continuing his education in a doctoral program at the University of Louisville. [Read about John's research in this Pantagraph article.](#)

Student Organizations

Breaking Barriers

Faculty and staff in Criminal Justice Sciences Department have started an initiative, *Breaking Barriers*, to address the declining number of women enrolled in criminal justice sciences majors and resultant occupations. *Breaking Barriers* is dedicated to increasing the participation of women interested in careers in criminal justice sciences by connecting women with mentors in criminal justice fields who encourage them to take applied sciences classes, show them that criminal justice careers are fun, exciting and challenging, and share experiences to help them overcome concerns and barriers.

The group is off to a good start this year. We have 53 *Breaking Barriers* participants. We hosted 20 ladies at our fall kick-off on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at the Bowling and Billiards Center. Our advisory board has met to plan out events for the fall semester, which include bringing back prior interns to share their internship experiences with the group, a self defense class, and a graduate school preparation seminar, to name a few. This year we have also had advisory board members planning social events, in addition to our monthly meetings. If you would like to be involved with *Breaking Barriers*, please contact Tracy Wehrle at tlwarne@ilstu.edu or Cara Rabe-Hemp at cerabe@ilstu.edu.



Criminal Justice Association

To recognize and promote scholarship among students with an interest in the field of criminal justice and to help prepare them for a profession in the criminal justice system. We encourage a high level of academics, community service, and networking within the vast field of Criminal Justice. Undergraduate students of all majors who have an interest in criminal justice are encouraged to become members of the Criminal Justice Association. Members of the CJA participate in a variety of service projects and academic activities.

This semester, CJA has been very busy with many different activities and speakers. CJA won first place in the Homecoming float competition. Peter Lynch '81 gave a generous donation of \$500 towards the building of the homecoming float. Of the speakers that have presented, among those were Commander Jon Slater '85 from the Boone, Iowa Police Department; Judge Charles Reynard, Circuit Judge of McLean County; as well as December Melville M.S. '11, a Crime Scene Investigator for the Illinois State Police. Next semester, CJA plans on having more guest speakers, as well as providing service projects for students to take part in, and to raise awareness of social justice issues. If anyone would like to present, or to assist the organization in anything, please contact CJA President, Brittany Alston (bmalsto@ilsu.edu), or advisor Leslie Harris (lharr5@ilstu.edu).

Meet our Graduate Assistants!



Daniel Anderson

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Military experience: Served 5 years in the Marine Corps prior to starting college

Working with: Dr. Beichner

Research interests: I would say my primary area of interest is gender equality and the dynamic effects the CJ system has on women.

Career Interests: I hope to pursue a career working with an international organization and ultimately teach at the university level.

Why ISU? I chose the ISU CJS masters program primarily because I had developed a relationship with some faculty in my undergrad and saw that staying at ISU would allow me the opportunity to continue my education in a direction that I wanted to pursue. The faculty of the CJ department are extremely diverse in their areas of focus and I saw this to be such a great environment to experience many perspectives within this field of study. Not to mention I have built my home in Bloomington-Normal and feel like such a part of this community, it was not time to leave...yet.



Brittany Bates

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Working with: McLean County Courthouse (External Assistantship)

Research Interests: Policy, mentally ill offenders, and international justice

Why ISU? I chose to continue my education at ISU because of the array of available classes, the atmosphere of the quad and most of all, the professors. I personally believe that ISU and CJS specifically, has the BEST professors; helpful, understanding and compassionate!



Genoa Cole

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Working with: Dr. Kreinert and Dr. Walsh

Research Interests: Impacts of legislation on sex offenders

Career Interests: Research and Teaching

Why ISU? I chose the Illinois State Criminal Justice Graduate Program because of the atmosphere. There are positive relations between faculty and students and students have the opportunities to work directly with teachers and their research.



Cayla Comens

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Military: IL Army National Guard

Working with: Dr. Rabe-Hemp

Research Interests: Terrorism, Militarization of the Police, Policing

Why ISU? I chose the graduate program at ISU because the faculty in the CJS department are phenomenal. This program offers so many opportunities to help further my career in academia.



Cassandra Dodge

Undergraduate degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Military: Active duty USAF

Working with: Dr. Ingram & Dr. Kethineni

Research interests: Law enforcement technology and policy

Career Interests: Ultimately get my PhD and teach

Why ISU? As an alum of the program, I already had established a working relationship with several of the professors. I felt that I could focus more on learning and doing research rather than spending time on building new relationships from scratch.



Mia Gilliam

Undergraduate Degree: B.A. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Working with: Dr. Gizzi

Research interests: Theory and victimology

Why ISU? I chose this program because it will further my knowledge and better prepare me for employment in the field. The faculty are pretty awesome too!



Kelsie Langheim

Undergraduate Degree: B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Working with: Dr. Clevenger

Research interests: Victimology and various social justice issues

Why ISU? I chose the graduate program at ISU because I had such a great experience here as an undergrad. The faculty here are very student oriented and I get to work with professors who have similar research interests.



JiHye (JJ) Park

Undergraduate degree: B.A. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Working with: Dr. Weisheit and Dr. Schneider

Research interests: Violence against women, Juvenile delinquency, Comparative Criminal Justice, and Theory testing

Why ISU? I chose the ISU CJS program because of the friendly and supportive environment.



Chaze Patrick

Undergraduate degree: A.A. Heartland Community College; B.S. in Criminal Justice Sciences from ISU

Military: United States Marine Corps (2007-2011)

Working with: Dr. Phil Mulvey

Research interests: Recidivism trends among offenders, offender reintegration into society, effectiveness of specialty courts

Career interests: Probation/Parole Officer, Professor at institution of higher education

Why ISU? The faculty and staff here provide students with the essential skills to be proficient and successful in the classroom and criminal justice field.

Washington, D. C. Internship Program

In an effort to provide students with meaningful professional practice experiences, the College of Applied Sciences and Technology (CAST) is continuing a scholarship program for high achieving students who wish to complete their internship in Washington, D. C. Students from nearly all majors within CAST have the opportunity to intern with an agency that is closely related to their chosen field. We are happy to announce that two students from the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences were awarded this scholarship for summer 2014. Kelsie Langheim and Michael Prokop were among the other CAST and ISU interns who went to Washington, D.C. this past summer. Through this scholarship they were provided intern housing through the WISH Foundation, which is blocks away from the U.S. Capital. If you are a CJS alum in the Washington, D.C. area and would like to meet the next group of interns, please email Tracy Wehrle at tlwarne@ilstu.edu.

This summer was the best I have ever had. By being a recipient of the CAST D.C. scholarship, I was given the opportunity to live and intern in Washington, D.C. I was an intern with The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). During my internship I made phone calls to law enforcement, social services, and parents to assist in the recovery of missing and exploited children. It was an extremely rewarding experience knowing that the small role I played at NCMEC, helped to locate children. This was an amazing organization to work with and I am so fortunate that I was able to spend time networking and making several business connections while there.

In addition, I was given the opportunity each and every day to soak in the culture and experience all that goes along with living in the District of Columbia. I was able to explore our political history at the Capital, get to know America's past at the National History Museum, and see how the United States became more independent as a result of each war. By visiting the memorials, I became more and more engrossed in what America is truly about. Not only did I go to several of the museums, memorials, and other historical sites, I was also able to go to many different restaurants and shopping venues special to D.C., like the Eastern Market.

-Kelsie Langheim '14





My name is Michael Prokop and I am a Criminal Justice Sciences major at Illinois State University, with a minor in Sociology. I was a recipient of the 2014 CAST Scholarship which allowed me to live in Washington, D.C. for free in the summer of 2014. After applying to numerous agencies in the D.C. area, I decided that I would be spending my summer at the Supreme Court of the United States Police Department.

The Supreme Court Police Department is a small federal law enforcement agency with about 150 sworn officers. Their mission is to protect the justices, employees, guests and the Supreme Court building. This department is not like other departments I have had experience. Being a cadet for three years, I was used to the kind of policing where there was mobile patrol, serving warrants, making traffic stops, etc. The officers of this department still have arrest powers, but do not do everything that typical law enforcement agencies do. They are stationed primarily in the Supreme Court building or they are with a justice during a security detail. I was with this department for three months and I got to experience a lot of different things. Divisions within the department that I had exposure to are the Threat Assessment Unit, Dignitary Protection Unit, K-9, Administrative, TEC, etc. I would also shadow other officers as they worked "the wheel," which is going to different posts on the Supreme Court grounds each rotation. It was a great experience and I learned a lot about law enforcement which should help me later in my career.

While I was not at the Supreme Court working, I explored as much of D.C. as I could. To start off, I lived with thirteen other roommates. There were eight from Illinois State University and the others were from different universities around the country. It got a little overwhelming sometimes cramming fourteen people into a townhouse, but it was a lot of fun. My roommates and I would always go exploring on the weekends to see the numerous attractions that D.C. has to offer. The highlights that I enjoyed the most were the four Washington Nationals games that I went to (3 were free), Crime and Punishment Museum, American History Museum, Holocaust Museum, Mt. Vernon, where I went with the officers, National Archives and the National Cathedral. I also went and saw all of the monuments along the National Mall. There was always something to do and there was really never a dull moment while I was here. This was a great experience and I would recommend it to any CJS major that is interested in interning in D.C. or at the federal level to apply for the 2015 CAST Scholarship.

-Michael Prokop '14





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Alumni Updates

John Slotter '95 - Commander with the Boone Iowa Police Department
Thomas Hadler '11 - Correctional Officer with Danville Correctional Center
Greg Patton '79 - Criminal Justice Instructor with the Bloomington Area Career Center
Frank Morelli '90 - Unit Manager with Lake County Adult Probation
Gary Spear '75 - Retired from Champaign Police Department
Tiara Mackins '13 - Teaching with Teach for America
Casey Driessen '13 - Juvenile Detention Officer with McLean County Juvenile Detention Center
Brian Brown '97 - Superintendent of the Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center
Clayton Morgan '03 - Morgan Law Office - Attorney at Law
Sheannon Mannion '99 - Sergeant with the Chicago Police Department
Doug Ronspies '09 - District Loss Prevention Manager for JCPenney
Larissa McKelvin '09 - Patient Care Coordinator for Lutherbrook Child and Adolescent Center
Jaimie Moler '10 - Foster Care Case Manager with Jewish Child & Family Services
Brittney Jackson '10 - Police Officer with Markham Police Department

What are you doing now? The CJS Department wants to know! Send your updates to criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu!