Dear CJS Alumni,

I am extremely excited to write this greeting for your newsletter. This academic year represents the 40th anniversary of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State University, and we are planning events that recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our alumni, students, and faculty. We hope that you and many of your fellow alums will be able to connect and celebrate with us again this year!

As I begin my fourth year as department chair, I’ve learned that CJS is a special place. There are stories in this edition that make me extremely proud to be a member of this department. You will learn about Garret Anderson ’10 and his family’s connection to Illinois State University. We also highlight Brannon Sanford ’12, who spent the fall 2011 semester as a student at Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland studying criminal justice, then interned with the U.S. Department of State in Quebec in spring 2012. This year we also said good-bye to Drs. Frank Morn and Ed Wells. They retired this spring semester after careers that aspired to excellence in student learning and research. I will miss their presence in the classroom and their good advice and wise counsel.

These stories are only a few examples of the exceptional work that alums, students, and faculty do every day in Criminal Justice Sciences or in their local communities. You are a part of this legacy of Criminal Justice Sciences alums. During this upcoming year, we invite you to visit and remember what a remarkable place that is Criminal Justice and Illinois State.

As always, we very much appreciate your support to the Department. Your continued gifts reflect a commitment to opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to experience the best we have to offer them.
Alumni News

Patrick Kreis ’90

By Vance Gattone ’12

Winnetka, IL Chief of Police Patrick Kreis ’90 has been with the department for 21 years, following his senior internship. Kreis has worked his way up the ladder, beginning as a patrol officer and then, four years later, was promoted to patrol sergeant. In 2006 he became Deputy Chief, and in 2011 he was appointed to the position of Chief of Police. Kreis discussed four things that he felt were key in preparing him for his position as chief: military experience, his Illinois State University education and experiences, leadership development courses, and his experiences as a police officer.

During Kreis’s time at ISU, he participated in the department honors program and graduated magna cum laude. He credits the military with teaching him how to work hard, do his best, and be disciplined in his work, but his time at ISU exposed him to analytical experiences and taught him how to think critically, as well as strengthening his communication skills. He felt as though the ISU criminal justice sciences program was not just about learning the information, but also about encouraging individuals to question why something was done a certain way. The written communication skills he learned at ISU were very important because every position within the department is writing intensive. The ability to improve on those two skills is critical in law enforcement.

The various leadership trainings that he felt were key developmental tools were his training with the F.B.I. National Academy and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff Command, as well as earning his master’s degree in business administration. When asked how his experience as a police officer assisted with his development as chief of police, Kreis stated that working a number of different assignments builds experience and community relations. Policing is about trying to make a positive impact on people’s lives, whether it is by taking them to jail, providing advice, issuing a warning, or giving a direction.

Kreis stated that he did not have intentions of staying in municipal law enforcement for his career, but his experiences with Winnetka and the other training programs he has completed led him to view municipal law enforcement in a different way.

According to Kreis, integrity and honesty are held at a high standard. His advice to future alumni is this - it does not matter where you used to work, it matters how you performed on the job. “Agencies will not only look to see if you are a good student, but if you are a good employee. A lot of agencies want to see someone establish a track record of being a solid employee.”

As a graduating senior, I was truly honored to be able to sit down and talk to Kreis. The entire interviewing process was a learning experience. Kreis has many experiences and a lot of wisdom that graduates can learn from and take with them as they enter law enforcement.

“If you are not driven by service, you will be very unhappy in this line of work.”
At 17, she was a homeless runaway. Twenty-one years later, she was walking across the stage to shake the hand of the dean holding her law school diploma.

Sheryl Fitzjarrald '94 was an honors student before she dropped out of high school. She married in her teens, had two daughters and divorced. “I decided the only way out of dire straits was through education,” she said, from her Champaign law office.

After getting her associate's degree, she transferred to Illinois State to major in criminal justice sciences. To pay her bills, she worked full-time as a computer consultant, teaching technology to corporate Baby Boomers.

Occasionally she’d have to take her daughters, 10 and 12, to college classes with her but they weren’t what slowed her down. Sheryl developed a heart condition and when the elevators weren’t working in Schroeder Hall, she couldn't take the steps to her fourth floor class. When she told the instructor, he moved the class to the first floor. “There were no questions asked, he just did that for me,” she said.

There was no doubt in her mind what she wanted to do after graduation. She was headed to law school. One of her daughters, Sami '00, followed her by going to ISU, choosing the same major. But she wanted to go into law enforcement. Her last semester she had to choose between an unpaid internship with a police department and a paid internship with an attorney. Finances won so she went to the attorney, which led to an academic scholarship to the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. She graduated in 2007, but not without a life-changing event.

Sami met Garrett Anderson '10 while they were students. Garrett was a nontraditional student who joined the U.S. Army to pay for school. He wanted to be a police officer too but his path was interrupted by a deployment to Iraq in January 2005. The couple married in March and in October, Sami woke up in her Michigan apartment to find a card stuck in her door from the police department. She needed to call.

Before she could dial the number, she had to watch the apartment’s surveillance video to see if the officer was local or military, which would tell her if her husband was still alive. The police were local. All they could tell her was that her husband had suffered extensive facial injuries, lost an arm and was being treated in Germany.

Her mother packed her up and they left for Washington, D.C. Garrett arrived by helicopter the same day and the family began an eight-month recovery journey at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Although Sami didn’t want to leave her husband, she also knew she couldn’t miss more than a semester of law school or she’d be dropped from the program. A retired judge she met at Walter Reed heard her story and arranged for her to attend the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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When Garrett was released, the couple returned to Champaign. Sami drove to Michigan two days a week to finish her last year while pregnant and working nearly full-time in a law office. For two years, Garrett commuted to Illinois State to become the third family member to complete a degree in criminal justice sciences. He was grateful to understanding professors and students who served as note takers for him. The Office of Disabilities Concerns made certain tasks, such as asking teachers for help, more comfortable for him.

“My first day of class, I thought, ‘This place is huge,’ but I walked up to the professor after class and told him I had a disability and the help was there. I really enjoyed Illinois State. It was almost like a community college atmosphere with the big college experience.”

He received the Disability Concerns Educational Scholarship, which relieved some of the financial pressure. “There was less stress on life for me,” he said. “I put more focus on school, and that allowed me to graduate on time.”

Now a retired veteran, Garrett volunteers for the Wounded Warriors Project, encouraging other veterans to use their benefits to get their degrees. He might pursue his master’s in social work but he also helps care for their two daughters, Skyler, 5, and Alex, 2.

Sami and her mother have their own firm, Anderson & Fitzjarrald in Champaign. They still use some of the techniques they learned at Illinois State, remembering a surveillance class where they had to find a professor who hid around campus. Child custody cases sometimes require surveillance.

Sami’s also continuing the work she started at Walter Reed, Wills for Soldiers, a service project that provides pro bono services to soldiers deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. She’s also active in assisting veterans and their families with disability-related issues.

Alex Holsinger ’93

After graduating from ISU in 1993 with his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice Sciences, Alexander (Alex) Holsinger received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati in 1999. Throughout his graduate work and in the 13 years since he has assisted local, state, and Federal agencies implement several aspects of Evidence-Based correctional practice.

In addition to building his career within offender assessment procedures, Alex has also overseen the assessment, development and implementation of effective rehabilitation treatment programming for the offender population.

Alex has been on faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at University of Missouri – Kansas City since 1999.

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!
Student News

Spring and Summer 2012 Graduates

Royce Aberle
Frank Afable
Zachary Amrein
Mitchell Annis
Nicholas Bailey
Jordan Bain
Cheryl Bauer
David Beltran
Celia Berkes
Zach Bitner
Amanda Boenzi
Patrick Brady
Jeffrey Brown
Bethany Brown
Stanley Bukowski
Joseph Bumgarner
Erico Burgos
Kyle Butcher
James Byrne
Samantha Calandra
William Calbow Jr.
Aaron Carlson
Kathleen Childers*
Giovanni Circo**
Miles Clauss
Trace Coleman
Patrick Cragg
Malorie Cruz
Khaled Dalal
Ariana Dilworth
Shane Dixon**
Reuben Dominguez
Anthony Donofrio
Sandra Dubson
Ryan Duncan
Lisa Dye
Brian Enderli
Luke Ester
Elizabeth Eyre
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Rebecca Fisk
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Patrick Henrichs
Adam Hitt
Daniel Hoeniges
Timothy Hogan
Andrew Holl
Kristin Horn
Jacob Howard
Matthew Hunt
Mary Hurtenbach**
Mark Jacob
Lashanda James
Kimberly Johnson
Matthew Johnson
Michael Joy
Madeline Kamowski
Ashley Keenan
Elizabeth Kickham
Jason Knight
Jon Kozlowski
Thomas Kure
Brent Ladage
Kevin Lamb
Caitlyn Laraia
Ryan Lavizzo
Sheri Lerner
Andrew Linden
Graham Loch
Stuart Majerczyk
Dariusz Malysa
Kazio Marshall
Robert Martens
Christine Martin
Bryan McGuire
James Meierotto
Steven Melton*
Kaylee Meyers
Michael Morphew
Brianna Nelson
Krystal O’Brien
Daniel O’Brien
Rachel O’Neill
Misty Parker
Daniel Patrick
Zachary Perkins
Nicholas Perrone
John Philbin
Christopher Piascki
Christina Psckulowski
Kordny Rainey
Marc Redinger
Matthew Repplinger
John Rivera
Ryan Russell
Jamie Russell
Brannon Sanford
Timothy Scanlan
Christopher Schaefer
Jacqueline Schmid
Mark Schumacher
Patrick Scott
Joshua Shirley
Danielle Sipiora
Amita Siska

* = Dean’s List
** = Graduate Student

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Like so many Americans, I have gone most of my life with a limited view of the world, which until recently has been rather acceptable. However, we live in an increasingly globalized world and through my international internship and semester studying abroad, I have had the opportunity to explore issues related to globalization, development, poverty, and social inequality from many different perspectives.

Just one semester ago, I had the privilege of being an exchange student at Glasgow Caledonian University, in Glasgow, Scotland. I not only had the opportunity to immerse myself into the Scottish culture, but I traveled to other countries were I formed long-term friendships that I will maintain for years to come. This short time abroad provided me a better understanding of the value of dialogue between people from different cultures and between people with different points of view. Studying abroad has given me countless unforgettable experiences that have helped me grow as a person.

With my college career nearing its end, I understood that hiring decisions in today's job market are as competitive as ever. As businesses become increasingly aware of the advantages of overseas travel and experience, I decided to go international once more! I did not want a typical internship and when the U.S. Department of State accepted me as an intern, I was consumed with excitement and disbelief!

My experience living in Canada and interning at the Embassy was a once in a lifetime experience. Not only did I gain first hand experience working on high profile issues like the Keystone Pipeline, working at the Embassy allowed me the chance to meet leaders from around the world.

I wanted a meaningful internship experience and that is exactly what I got. I was not treated as “just a intern,” I was never asked to organize a file cabinet or pick-up dry cleaning. I worked side-by-side with many U.S. agencies, Canadian government officials, and the U.S. Ambassador. With the Department of State I had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain insight into U.S. foreign policy and diplomacy, explore new career avenues and most of all, acquire lifelong skills representing America to the world. It was an experience I believe every college student should desire.

Spending a year abroad I realized that the experience not only transforms your overall college experience, but it also transforms your future as you develop a new mentality conscious of the world around you. This mentality will stay with you always and create newer exciting opportunities down the line that will take you places you never thought you would go. I did not just leave the United States; I left my comfort zone and genuinely integrated myself as a member of my different host cultures. Now, I can honestly say that I have a global perspective, one that I hope to continue to grow for the rest of my life.

I would highly recommend studying abroad to other students. It is an opportunity to try something completely different and break out of your comfort zone in an exciting and memorable way. Study abroad gives you an awareness of and respect for world cultures. You will find yourself thinking about global issues with this in mind both during your time abroad but also when you return stateside ultimately contributing to a more informed and enlightened perspective. This can strengthen your résumé and make you a more attractive candidate for international work and internships.
After 28 years of teaching at Illinois State University, Dr. Frank Morn is retiring!

Raised in San Francisco, California, Morn moved to Utah where he received a BA and MA from BYU. His first teaching job was as an instructor at a community college in Wyoming, Sheridan College. After two years he moved to the University of Chicago where he studied under John Hope Franklin, Daniel Boorstin, Arthur Mann, and Martin Marty. He received his doctorate in 1975. In 1973 Morn started a ten year stint at the University of Illinois-Chicago. While there he finished his first book, *The Eye That Never Sleeps: A History of the Pinkerton National Detective Agency*. The Joint Commission on Criminology and Criminal Justice Education gave him a grant which resulted in his second book, *Academic Politics and the History of Criminal Justice Higher Education*.

He left Chicago in 1984 to teach at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. While in Normal, Professor Morn has written a textbook for criminal investigation, and a problem solving book for students in introductory courses. In addition, Morn co authored a book on *Pursuing Justice* which is widely used in criminal justice courses. Professor Morn has just finished a book called *Forgotten Reformer: Robert McLaughry and Criminal Justice Practice and Reform in Nineteenth Century America*. In addition, Morn has taught in China, Russia, Egypt and Puerto Rico.

Morn loves fencing, scuba diving, playing the classical guitar, and spending time with his 9-year-old son.
Faculty News

Faculty Publications


Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp is an Associate Professor in the CJS Department. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois - Chicago. Her research interests include: Gender and policing, small and rural policing, citizen perceptions of police, and police deviance.


Dr. Dawn Beichner is an Associate Professor in the CJS Department. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, and her research interests include: Criminal justice policy, gender & justice, and prisoner re-entry.
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Dr. Michael Gizzi is an Associate Professor in the CJS Department. He received his Ph.D. from The University at Albany, SUNY. His research interests include: search and seizure law and constitutional criminal procedure, judicial impact, plea bargaining, information sharing and inter-agency cooperation.


Dr. Dae-Hoon Kwak is an Assistant Professor in the CJS Department. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. His research interests include: Communities and Crime, Comparative Criminal Justice/Criminology, Policing, Sentencing, and Advanced Statistics (including Crime Analysis / GIS).
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Dr. Sesha Kethineni is a Professor in the CJS Department. She received her Ph.D. from Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey. Her research interests include: family violence, juvenile justice, women and crime, juvenile delinquency, youth violence, and human rights issues.


Dr. Jason Ingram is an Assistant Professor in the CJS Department. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University, and his research interests include policing and crime mapping.


Dr. Jacqueline Schneider is the Department Chair of the CJS Department. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Her research interests include: Crime reduction, illegal markets, endangered species trade, policing, and gangs.
Scholarship News

Spring 2012 Award Winners

Tiara Mackins of Decatur, IL was the 20th recipient of the Peter V. Vitucci Memorial Scholarship. In addition to being an Honors student who has received several scholarships, Tiara is an active volunteer in the community and also on campus. She is active in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, student government, and in the Honors Program. She has also participated in Alternative Spring Break and has been a mentor.

This scholarship is made possible by family and friends in memory of Peter Vitucci. Peter died in an automobile accident in the fall of 1992. He graduated in 1991 with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and was employed as a police officer with the Wood Dale Police Department. He was an excellent student and had a wonderful relationship with the criminal justice faculty. He was proud to be an Illinois State University graduate and to be working in the criminal justice field.

Jesse Guth ’12
Departmental Scholar

Matthew Hunt ’12
McLean County Sportsman’s Association Scholarship

Cheryl Bauer ’12
Outstanding Community Service Award

LaCrisha McAllister
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

Giovanni Circo ’12
Outstanding Graduate Student Award

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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!
Department News

Homecoming 2012 - “Get Your Groove On”

Homecoming is a great time for us to reconnect with alums. If you would like to get involved with the festivities, please let us know! We would love to have all of our graduates help us celebrate!

2012 is a special year for CJS - We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary! Watch the department website at criminaljustice.illinoisstate.edu for information on the celebration!
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!