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The Rap Sheet

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

Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

This has been one of the most special academic years for me as the department celebrated its 40th anniversary at Illinois State University. During this milestone year, I “rediscovered Criminal Justice Sciences.” I take this moment to share with you what I learned about our program:



- The Vidette reported on March 21, 1972 that the Board of Regents approved a bachelor’s degree program in Corrections. Did you know that Illinois State originally proposed the major as social justice, but it was rejected because Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois – Springfield) also wanted to propose a social justice program? The Board of Education thought that criminal justice programs should be divided among universities according to the various areas law enforcement and corrections. In 1977, the department chair, Robert Culbertson, requested a name change to Criminal Justice Sciences, but it wasn’t until 1982 that the change took effect.
- In 1974, Corrections 101 was offered to a class of 800 students in Capen Auditorium by Professor Clyde Vedder who claimed to the Vidette, “It is the largest class in corrections in the U.S.” I can assure you that our sections are no longer this big!
- Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice honor society, scheduled a formation and membership meeting on December 4, 1980. Almost 33 years later Alpha Phi Sigma is still an active student organization!
- In 1982, the department accounted for the largest amount of student interns. While we may not hold this honor today, we still intern over 130 students per year. Does your agency host our students?
- The most prestigious recognition given to an undergraduate is the Robert Bone Scholarship. Did you know that seven CJS majors have received this honor?
- Redbirds take flight for their internships! Last summer, four students interned in Washington, D.C. and came back with incredible personal and professional experiences. This summer another three students will make that journey east. Several years ago, Brannon Sanford did his internship with the U.S. State Department in Canada and Ben Dzubu was in Berlin. Where have your Redbird wings taken you since leaving Normal, Illinois?

We have such a proud history and that legacy lives on in our alumni and future alumni of the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences. I assure you that extraordinary work takes place every semester by our faculty, staff, and students to honor you. Happy 40th Criminal Justice Sciences!

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2012 Distinguished Alum



Roxanne K. Castleman '76 holds a non tenure track position in the criminal justice department. She serves the department as a full-time Lecturer. Ms. Castleman has a Bachelor of Science

degree in Corrections from Illinois State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois-Springfield. She taught at Illinois State University as an adjunct faculty for 14 years while working as the

director of McLean County Court Service, a position she held for 28 years. In June of 2008, Ms Castleman took early retirement from her position with McLean County, and at that time was hired in her present position at Illinois State University. While working in the probation community, Ms. Castleman served on numerous community/state boards, developed a dual accredited and nationally recognized juvenile detention center, as well as developed numerous nationally recognized community criminal justice programs. She received the William C Albertson award from the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association for her achievement in the

field of probation and also received the Illinois State University's Young Alumna of the Year award. She recently was awarded the Public Citizen Award from the McLean County Bar Association for her development of the McLean County Drug Court program. In 2012 she was named a Distinguished Alumni at Illinois State University. Her main focus has been teaching Community Corrections, Juvenile Justice, and Criminal Justice Administration; however, in addition, she has taught Correctional Institutions, Communication Skills in Criminal Justice, Contemporary Corrections, and Introduction to Criminal Justice.

CAST Hall of Fame

James Knodell '78 graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Following graduation, he worked for the McLean County Sheriff's Department as an officer and a detective.

In 1983, Knodell left Illinois for Washington, D.C., where he joined the United States Secret Service. During his time in the Secret Service, Knodell served in the Washington and Chicago Field Offices, Inspection Division in Headquarters, and retired as deputy special agent in charge of the White House Presidential Protective Division. He also directed White House security and emergency operations. In addition, Knodell oversaw the extremely challenging Operations Section, which required diligent planning and execution of the president's domestic and foreign travel logistics. Knodell was also responsible for starting the Chicago Counterfeit Crimes Task Force, which made 200 arrests in its

first 10 months.

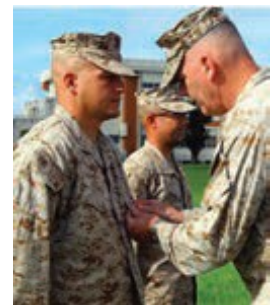
In 2004, after retiring from the Secret Service, Knodell began work as the chief security officer for the White House. While in this position, Knodell's focus changed from protecting the President to now providing optimal protection of the president and White House staff while heading the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, which is composed of Personnel Security, Physical Security, and Emergency Preparedness. He was able to exhibit incisive leadership while overseeing safety and security of more than 3,500 White House and Executive Office of the President (EOP) personnel and directing a 12-person team with a \$2.2 million annual budget. Knodell increased blast protection with EOP facilities which resolved major safety deficiencies, and which required skillful collaboration with senior executives and stakeholders to build consensus.

Presently, as the principal assistant director in the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, Knodell has worked to significantly improve executive protection for senior leaders within the Department of Defense. Knodell established the Criminal Investigative and Protective Directorate, which grew to 40 employees and a \$6 million yearly budget. Knodell's directorate has achieved successful completion of more than 100 protective missions of Department of Defense leadership with over 200 stops in 47 countries, including visits to combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.



CJS Alum Awarded Bronze Star

Marine Corps Captain Aaron Fisher '01 has been awarded a Bronze Star for his work during a seven-month deployment in support of the war in Afghanistan. For the full story, [please click here.](#)



2012 Faculty Publications/Awards/Presentations



Dr. Dawn Beichner

Publications:

Beichner, D. & Spohn, C. (2012). Modeling the effects of victim behavior and moral character on prosecutors charging decisions in sexual assault cases. *Violence and Victims*, 27(1), 3-24.

Rabe-Hemp, C. & Beichner, D. (2011). An analysis of advertisements: A lens to view the social exclusion of women in police imagery. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 21(1), 63-81.

Presentations (presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Imprisoned Mothers: Accounts of Mothering, Before, During and after Incarceration (with Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp)



Dr. Shelly Clevenger

Publications:

Clevenger, S., & Lamphere, R. (2013). Policy research. *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Springer.



Dr. Michael Gizzi

Publications:

Michael C. Gizzi, R. Craig Curtis, and Ethan D. Boldt, "US Courts of Appeals and State Supreme Court Responses to Arizona v. Gant: A Study in Judicial Impact," *The Journal of Crime and Justice*, Taylor and Francis iFirst, August 20, 2012. print, 2013.

Michael C. Gizzi and R. Craig Curtis, "What is a Landmark Case? Ranking Search and Seizure Cases using Shepard's Citations." *The Criminal Law Bulletin*, 49 (2), Winter 2013, forthcoming.

Michael C. Gizzi and Stephen L. Wasby, "Per Curiams Revisited: Assessing the Unsigned Opinion," *Judicature*, 96(3): 110 - 118. November/December 2012

Presentations (presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Plea Bargaining, Local Legal Culture, and Courtroom Workgroups: Reassessing the Literature and Building a New Research Agenda for Criminal Courts (with undergraduate student Ethan Boldt and graduate student Meagan Semmelroth)



Dr. Jason Ingram

Publications:

Paoline, Eugene A. III, William Terrill, & Jason R. Ingram (June 2012). Police Use of Force and Officer Injuries: Comparing Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) to Hands and Weapon Based Tactics. *Police Quarterly*.

Ingram, Jason R. & Robert R. Weidner. (2011). Front-Line Supervisors' Perceptions of Less Lethal Force Policies: Examining the "Transmission Belts" of Police Departments. *Journal of Crime & Justice*, 34(3), 221-233.

Presentations (Presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Organizational Context and Officer Occupational Attitudes: A Multilevel Test of Workgroup Composition and Workgroup Diversity.

2012 Faculty Publications/Awards/Presentations (cont.)



Dr. Sesha Kethineni

Publications:

Kethineni, S., & Srinivasan, M. (2013) Victims of domestic violence in India: Do they have rights? In J. Liu, S. Jou, & B. Heberton (Eds.), *Handbook of Asian criminology*. New York: Springer.

Kethineni, S., & Srinivasan, M. (in press). Police handling of domestic violence cases in Tamil Nadu, India. In P. Unnithan (Ed.), **(Forthcoming)**, *Crime and justice in India*. Sage Publications.

Kethineni, S. & J. Braithwaite. (in press). Toward a compliance model: Indian Supreme Court set to make revolution in child rights. In P. Unnithan (Ed.), **(Forthcoming)**, *Crime and justice in India*. Sage Publications.

Kethineni, S. (2012). Redeploy Illinois program: The impact on juveniles, families, and the juvenile justice system. *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, 63(2), 37–50.

Presentations (presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Gender Differences in Risk and Protective Factors among Juvenile Probationers



Dr. Dae-Hoon Kwak

Publications:

Kwak, Dae-Hoon, Claudia San Miguel, and Diana Carreon (2012), “Political Legitimacy and Public Confidence in Police: An Analysis of Attitudes toward Mexican Police.” *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*. 35(1): 124-146.

Kwak, Dae-Hoon (2012). “Sex Offender Notification Laws.” *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. David Schultz (Ed.). New York, NY: Facts on File, Inc.

Presentations (Presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Predicting Victimization by School Bullying

Putting Neighborhood Contexts into the Mix: A Multilevel Analysis of Job Satisfaction among South Korean Police Officers

Policing Police Service: Analyses of Public Interest in Recent Policies in South Korea



Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp

Publications:

Rabe-Hemp, C., Gokhale, A. & Woeste, L. (2012). Perceptions of Science and Technology: A Comparison of Criminal Justice and Traditional Science Majors. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Available: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10511253.2012.669771>

Rabe-Hemp, C. & Brathwaite, J. (2012). An Exploration of Recidivism and the Officer Shuffle in Police Sexual Violence (PSV). *Police Quarterly*. Available: doi: 10.1177/1098611112464964

Presentations (Presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

A survey of Maternity Policies and Pregnancy

Canine and Officer Relationships: Implications for Training (Poster session with undergraduate CJS student Catherine Johnson)

The Warren Court: The Epitome of Judicial Activism

Treatment, Reentry, and Management of Sex Offenders (with graduate student John Navarro)

Imprisoned Mothers: Accounts of Mothering, Before, During and After Incarceration (with Dr. Dawn Beichner)

2012 Faculty Publications/Awards/Presentations (cont.)



Dr. Jacqueline Schneider

Publications:

*Schneider, Jacqueline L. (2012) *Sold into Extinction: The Global Trade in Endangered Species*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

Schneider, J.L. (2011) "Endangered species markets: A focus for criminology?" in Mangai Natarajan (ed). *International Crime and Justice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

*American Society of Criminology International Division's Distinguished Book of the Year Award for 2012 (see article below)



Dr. Ralph Weisheit

Wells, L. Edward and Ralph A. Weisheit (2012) "Explaining Crime in Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Communities." *International Journal of Rural Criminology*. 1(2): 153-183.

Wells, L. Edward and Ralph Weisheit (2012) "Crime and Place: Proximity and the Location of Methamphetamine Laboratories." *Journal of Drug Issues*. 42(2): 178-196.

Presentations (presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology):

Explaining Crime in Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Communities (with Dr. Ed Wells)

More presentations from the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

Drs. Jessie Krienert and Jeff Walsh: Sexual Victimization of the Elderly: An Empirical Analysis of Reported Incidents, 1999-2008 (with graduate student **Shane Dixon**)

The Link Between Crime Reduction and Animal Extinction

By: Samantha Ritacco

Endangered species are a worldwide phenomenon dealing with illegal trade and other troubling factors. The elements of the endangered species market have a huge human influence.

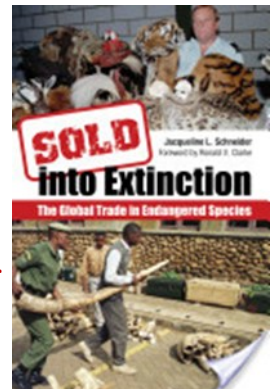
Animals are more likely to be wiped out when there are roads nearby. The theory, according to Jacqueline Schneider, author of "Sold Into Extinction: The Global Trade in Endangered Species," shows routine of road travel will lead criminals to the road due to the easiness of travel. For example if a road leads to a tiger population the poachers will kill there rather than go into

the jungle. This means even though the road is legitimate the events taking place on it or near it may not be.

Schneider started her criminology research when she worked on a government funded crime reduction program in the United Kingdom for 7 years. This plan was implemented in three police forces in the U.K with a market research approach. This plan dealt with the traditional stolen goods however, Schneider saw a connection and moved to animals and environment. "A love for animals as well as a need to protect natural resources and animal habitats is what motivated me to write this book," states Schneider.

Schneider is a crime reduction expert and her interest in helping the animal community doesn't get a lot of attention. Her connection of the two, criminology and conservation, hopefully encourages students to think outside the box when it comes to criminology.

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The Link Between Crime Reduction and Animal Extinction (cont.)

The impact and influence that drives an individual's passions can be followed no matter the person's focus of study. Environmental crimes are not seen as criminological but rather conservation, this is not the mainstream criminology everyone thinks of; however Schneider infuses her crime reduction concept into this conservation matter. She believes in getting this message out and showing that criminology is not just about UCR crimes. When

asked who she would have dinner with, dead or alive, Schneider responded, "I would talk with Jane Goodall about her work in conservation and wild life crimes. I would also like to talk to Bill Clinton who seems to be an engaging conversationalist with international power that could help forward the cause."

Schneider recently won an award from the American Society of Criminology. This

academic society of her peers received many books to be distinguished from the national division and Schneider's book "Sold Into Extinction: The Global Trade in Endangered Species" was chosen as the best book. "I was in shock, almost a disbelief," says Schneider. "However, I have the faculty and staff to thank for all their support, I am very grateful."

New CJS Faculty Members

Shelly Clevenger

Dr. Shelly Clevenger joined the CJS faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Fall of 2012. She came to us from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she received her Ph.D. in Criminology in May of 2012.



Phil Mulvey



Phil Mulvey will complete his Ph.D. in the spring of 2013 in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University, and will join the CJS faculty in the

fall of 2013. Phil's primary research interests encompass criminal justice policy and the social control of marginalized populations (e.g. persons with mental illness, at-risk youth, homeless individuals, and veterans). He is also

interested in community corrections, problem solving courts and rehabilitative program design and evaluation. His dissertation project is an extended mixed methods field study of women on the Severely Mentally Ill caseload at Maricopa County Adult Probation in Phoenix Arizona. This work explores the lives of women with mental illness on probation, their pathways into the system, their relationships with probation officers and the court, and aspects of social control as they navigate both the benevolent and coercive control of the mental health and criminal justice systems.

Phil grew up in Central Illinois and received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign. He earned a Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from Boston College. Prior to moving to Arizona to complete his doctorate he worked for five years as the program manager of the Northwestern Juvenile Project at Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. While at Northwestern he also attended classes completing a research certification degree in psychology and legal studies.

Washington, D. C. Internship Program



In an effort to provide students with meaningful professional practice experiences, the College of Applied Science 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. For three Criminal Justice Sciences majors in the summer

of 2012, these agencies were the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Innocents at Risk, and INTERPOL. For summer 2013, Genoa Cole and Julia Luchtenburg have received the scholarship.

Maleigha Buck - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC), is a private, nonprofit organization which was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. The organization provides information and resources to law enforcement, parents, children including child victims as well as other professionals.

At the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, I work directly with parents, social workers, and state and

federal law enforcement to help locate missing children. NCMEC has many resources that are valuable to law enforcement and also has many experts that can be sent to sites as well as be points of contact. This summer, I spoke to countless detectives, social workers, and parents regarding anything from suspect information and biometric gathering, all the way to what the child looks like and what they were last seen wearing. I also



had the privilege of working with cases that occur every day to cases that have been open for 50 years.

Margaret Healy - Innocents at Risk



Innocents at Risk is a nonprofit founded to fight child exploitation and human trafficking. Their mission is to educate citizens about the grave issue of global and local human trafficking. They are dedicated to protecting children from all forms of abuse, and work to end child exploitation and child trafficking everywhere.

Innocents at Risk went to Niño's de Cristo Orphanage in the Dominican Republic. The orphanage is a safe haven for children who were abused, neglected or trafficked. Currently there are 186 children.

We went to the orphanage for two days. On those days we brought clothes, food, drinks, toiletries, 30 pillows, books, and sporting equipment.

This was my favorite part of the internship. The kids were overjoyed for us being there and they were more than grateful for their gifts and us being there.

Thank you to our donors!

Each year, the CJS Department gives awards to its top students. These awards would not be possible if not for our donors. Thank you all for your generosity!

Laura & Finn Amble	David Gapinski	Dina Raya
Ronald Baietto	Vince & Sylvia Geraci	Cortney Ritter
Cynthia & Joseph Bauer	Kevin Gish	Brannon Sanford
John Bell	Julie Gizzi (The Pampered Chef)	Dawn Sanner
Melissa & Michael Benjamin	Jan & Jeffry Gray	Jacqueline Schneider
Robert & Toni Bentel	Susan Gullstrand	Tory Shields
Charlene Beringer	Jesse Guth	Kimberly Shirley
Mark & Crystal Bronke	Jason & Rebecca Hahn	Victoria Sims
Christine Brown	Erik & Stacy Hanks	Mary Siska
Laura & Thomas Burke	Laura & Robert Hanner	Jenelle & Benjamin Smaga
Curtis & Nancy Corbige	Julie & David Hoeniges	Theodore Stoops
Danielle Crowder	Matthew Johnson	Michael & Laura Taets
Minda Cruz	Jessika Jones	Shawn & Angela Trent
Sherry Cumming	Ashley Keenan	Trent & Tricia Vandersnick
Anne Davis	Dae-Hoon Kwak	Cheryl Wager
Joseph Dehn	Brent Ladage	Michael & Michelle Weghorst
Sandra Dubson	Robert Landes, Jr.	Tracy & Mason Wehrle
Sara & Chris Dubson	Frank Laraia	Ralph & Carol Weisheit
Bradley Elmer	George & Mary Long	L. Edward & Anna Wells
Brian Enderli	David McCoy	Bradley Widmer
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Shirley & William Finn	Rosemary & Charles Mitcham	Crystal & Michael Young
Justin & Katherine Fitzgerald	Joshua & Catharine Myers	
Mark & Samantha Franklin	Lisa & Michael O'Neill	
Eileen & Scott Frostholt	Ley & David Opyd	

December 2012 Graduates

Tabor Aubry	Lashanda James	Tory Shields
Alexeus Bender	Andrew Johnson	Victoria Sims
Andrew Blunier	Laura Joschko	Timothy Simulis
Kathleen Boles	Hilary Joyce	Morgan Smith
Thomas Browne	Derick Kalec	Justin Sobus
Maleigha Buck	Anna Legner	Keisha Spiller
Kyle Butcher	Armando Lopez Jr.	Joshua Sternberg
James Byrne	Scott Masters	Brittany Tazzioli
Andrew Countryman	Meghan Moore	Jennifer Webb
Michael Coyle	Thomas Myer	Christopher Whelchel
Robert Dodd III	Joshua Myers	Savannah White
Jared Fischer	Misty Parker	James Woolford
Vincent Gismondi	Ashley Reichert*	
Anthony Hartzler	Leslie Reutter*	Graduate Student *
Joseph Hernandez	Kevin Sellers	
Jacob Hirsch	Andre Serena	
Dylan Houser	Jennifer Shepherd	

ROTC Commissioning

CJS major Josh Sternberg was commissioned on December 14, 2012 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Indiana National Guard.



Homecoming 2012

Homecoming 2012's theme was "Get Your Groove On." Join us September 30-October 6, 2013 for the Alumni Association's 150th Anniversary!



New Course - Criminalizing the Mentally Ill

There were 33 students in Professor **Cara Rabe-Hemp**'s new course, Criminalizing the Mentally Ill, and they come from myriad majors – criminal justice, music therapy, social work, [nursing](#) and psychology.

That's important, because one of the biggest issues facing the criminal justice system today is that it's become the de facto mental health care system in the U.S., Rabe-Hemp said. And one obstacle to fixing the problem is that those in criminal justice occupations don't always work together with those in the

"helping" professions, such as [social work](#), she said.

"Any chance you have to get those diverse populations together and talk about some of these problems, that's good, because at the end of the day, they have the same clientele," Rabe-Hemp said.

Using a combination of class discussion and hands-on projects, students will tackle big questions about what historical events led the criminal justice system to its current point, and what innova-

tions, such as specialty mental health courts, have the potential to deal with the crisis.

Rabe-Hemp called teaching a first-time course she helped create a privilege.

"The buy-in from the students' perspective to a course unique like this is different than a traditional course," she said. "They bring with them a higher level of interest in this specific area."

-From the [Illinois STATEside blog](#)

Student Organizations

Veterans at Illinois State

Shortly following the opening of the new Veterans Study Center at ISU, a new RSO has taken shape on campus. Veterans At Illinois State, a chapter of Student Veterans of America, was officially founded in October. Current president Edric Arana, a CJS graduate student and Navy veteran, was one of the spearheads involved with the founding of the organization. "As veterans we have our own unique needs ranging from academic, financial, and mental health and drawing from my own personal experience I identified for the need of such organization." While the goal of the organization is primarily to create a network for student veterans between each

other and resources and people that want to work with veterans both on and off campus, non veterans are also encouraged to participate. Recently, VIS co-sponsored the Veterans T.A.L.K. 2012 event with Diversity Advocacy, allowing veterans share their experiences and the difficulties they face with fellow students.

As the organization continues to grow in the new year, VIS is working on several events with the goal of helping student veterans in the future. "We are looking forward on working with other departments on campus such as the Career Center for future job fairs, possibly or-

ganizing a writing campaign towards our elected officials concerning veterans concerns, and workshops to identify the

numerous programs that student veterans can utilize," said Arana. Anyone who wishes to become involved in VIS is encouraged to contact either of the program's faculty advisors, Jess Ray at jdray@IllinoisState.edu, or Judy Curtis jecurti@IllinoisState.edu.



Alpha Phi Sigma/Criminal Justice Association

The Criminal Justice Association has had a great and productive semester. Ed Hammer, the investigator that brought down George Ryan, a past Illinois Governor, came to speak at one of our meetings. It was very informative and intriguing to hear the story first hand. We also had a service project to help our neighbors in the Normal community. We passed out flyers informing the neighborhood we would be raking leaves. Due to this project we received an appreciated card from a neighbor

stating it was an excellent idea and huge help. Throughout the semester we also had the opportunity to be a part of the Homecoming celebration and decorate a float. Next semester will hopefully go as well as this one did. We hope to get more members interested in partaking in all of our great events.

Similar to the Criminal Justice organization, Alpha Phi Sigma also started the semester with some charity work. We had several members and volunteers

help P.A.W.S., the local pet shelter, raise money. Students or faculty had the opportunity to walk a dog for a dollar and could even possibly adopt one, which we did have a few adoptions that day. The Criminal Justice Association and Alpha Phi Sigma have been working together in activities and events.

By Cristy Ramirez, President of both APS and CJA

Social Justice Project

The Social Justice Project has continued to help raise awareness for injustice issues that exist at ISU as well as around the world. Our organization held a successful Gun Debate on campus in late October where students and faculty/staff had a chance to voice their opinion. Everyone was able to argue the pros and cons of each side and it ended quite effectively. We have done little debates within our group at several meetings. We also had a chance to donate some ISU gear, gift cards as well as a laptop

that was kindly sent to Dale Helmig from Ana Santiago. Dale Helmig gave us the honor of visiting ISU last year to tell us about his wrongful conviction. The Social Justice Project also had a fundraiser for domestic violence. This was inspired by "Take Back the Night," an event that was sponsored by the RSO Feminist Led Activist Movement. There were speakers who spoke about their different experiences regarding sexual assault and violence. A march around campus took place after the speakers

told their stories. Many students around campus donated money and nonperishable food items to our fundraiser. We would like to continue to raise awareness for this issue by putting up red flags around campus in the spring with sexual assault/violence facts. In the Spring, we also hope to do another Sex Trafficking 5k walk. It was successful last year and we hope for it to be just as successful if not more this time around.

Breaking Barriers

Breaking Barriers is dedicated to increasing the participation of women interested in careers in criminal justice sciences. One way to accomplish this is by connecting women with mentors who encourage them to take CJ classes, show them that CJ careers are fun, exciting and challenging, and share experiences to help them overcome concerns and barriers.

In fall 2012, Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp and Mrs. Tracy Wehrle implemented the Breaking Barriers Mentor programming, successfully matching upper level stu-

dent mentors with freshmen or new transfer student mentees. The mentor's roles fall into four categories: Providing academic help and tutoring, providing career exploration assistance, providing emotional support, and providing social experiences.

Breaking Barriers successfully held a number of fun and informative events over the course of the semester. Events ranged from "What NOT to Wear", an informational session on how to best present oneself for professional events such as career fairs, job interviews, and

networking events, to "Internship Experiences" where students had the opportunity to speak with prior interns and hear about their experiences prepping for the internship and during the internship. Mentors and mentees were also strongly encouraged to attend all speaking and conference events hosted during the semester.

Congratulations to the PTI BLE Class #2951!

The following alums will be graduating from the Police Training Institute in Champaign, IL on March 28, 2013. Congratulations!

From left to right:

Tim Simulis '12- Fairbury Police Department
Bret Sholty '11- East Peoria Police Department
Bill Calbow '12 - Peoria Police Department
Ryan Potthoff '02- Sterling Police Department
Eric Halpin '10- Grundy County Sheriff's Department
Arik Bruens '10- Vermilion County Sheriff's Department
Thomas Yencich '10- Gurnee Police Department
Matt Hunt '12- Macon County Sheriff's Department





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