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# The Rap Sheet

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

Greetings from Normal!

Unbelievably, it is that time of year again to reflect on the department's 2013 – 2014 activities. This year has gone by in a flash. It seems as if it was just yesterday that CJA (our student organization) won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Homecoming float competition.

This year we grieved for one of our own—Dr. L. Edward Wells. Dr. Wells was a fixture in the department for over 25 years. He was an amazing man—described by his brother-in-law as being our Google before Google was invented. No truer statement could be said! He is sorely missed and will never be forgotten.

The faculty and staff have been busy preparing our required program review, which will be submitted in the fall term of 2014 – 2015. You, as alums, may be contacted for assistance in our review, so please be sure to send in your comments. While program reviews take an enormous amount of time, they are so incredibly important. Assessing the quality of our courses, curriculum, and activities helps us to improve our already fantastic program.

Our enrollment continues to thrive thus reflecting the popularity of our major. Our draw is, in large part, due to the quality of our faculty and staff. The staff members of this department are dedicated to our students' success and achievement. CJS faculty are second to none. They provide both our undergraduate and graduate students with experiences that they will remember for years to come. The education we offer is only part of the instruction our students receive. Faculty mentor students to be ethical, impartial, and open-minded leaders in our field.

This year, we have a record number of students graduating with their master's degree! This cohort has represented our department so very well at national and regional conferences in their individual research projects. About half of our students sat for comprehensive exams—always a grueling day! The other half decided to undertake the writing of a thesis. To say that their thesis topics were “interesting” would be an understatement. Chiara Keune studied media coverage of “tik” (methamphetamine) use in South Africa (her homeland) to determine if the coverage caused moral panics (it didn't!); John Navarro used Broken Windows theory to determine if the presence of registered sex offenders in McLean County effected house sale prices (it does); and Richard Carlton is finishing his thesis, which explores the extent and nature of rhino poaching in his home--South Africa (it's not pretty). Megan Semmelroth finished her thesis, which examined the various causal factors surrounding wrongful convictions.

Dr. Philip Mulvey joined our department this year. He received his doctorate from Arizona State University. I'm very sad to report that Dr. Dae-Hoon Kwak returned to Korea to tend to a family situation, so he will be on leave for the next year. He is certainly missed on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Schroeder Hall. Dr. Jessie Kriener is working with the Dean of Students' Office to reform the student appeals process. She has worked tirelessly to see that students receive their day in “court.” The other faculty are continuing to work on their research and scholarship with the aim of improving policy and practices in regional, national, and international criminology and criminal justice.

Finally, Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp, who is an alum of our program, was inducted into the CAST Academy of Achievement. This honor is bestowed to alumni who are in the early stages of their career for their contributions to their field and to their home unit. We are very proud that she was chosen for this recognition.

Soon, students will leave Normal and faculty will disperse to work on their projects over the summer. It will be a bit quieter in Schroeder, but we'll all be looking for another successful and exciting year in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences.



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## 2014 Academy of Achievement - Cara Rabe-Hemp '01



Every year CAST recognizes some of its most successful younger alumni. This year, the CAST Department of Criminal Justice Sciences Academy of Achievement inductee was one of our own, Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp.

Rabe-Hemp, M.S. '01, graduated from Illinois State University with a master's degree in criminal justice sciences and the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Ph.D. in criminal justice in 2005. Throughout graduate school and her professional career, she has examined how gender affects officers' opportunities and experiences in the field of policing. Spe-

cifically, she has informed the existing body of literature by examining use of force exhibited by male and female officers in their encounters with citizens, women officers' experiences in rural departments, career paths of women in police organizations, and women's survivability in traditionally male dominated organizations. She has published extensively.

Rabe-Hemp's work will no doubt shape policy for years to come, as it has gained national recognition. In 2013, she was one of six women invited to a panel to discuss, "Contemporary Issues in Policing Research," at the American Society of Criminology Meeting. Rabe-Hemp has been on the faculty of the Department of Criminal Sciences at Illinois State University since 2001. During her tenure, she has developed a synergy among her scholarship, teaching, and service activities that encompasses the intersection of diversity and criminal justice. Rabe-

Hemp is dedicated to increasing the participation of women interested in careers in criminal justice services and co-sponsored the creation of Breaking Barriers, which received the University's Diversity Advocacy Award in 2010

Cara, her husband, Jason, and their children, Lorne and Lena, live in Normal.

Rabe-Hemp was inducted into the Academy of Achievement on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony held at the new Hancock Stadium Club Room.



## 2013 Hall of Fame - Peter Lynch '81



Congratulations to the 2013 CAST Hall of Fame Inductee, Peter Lynch '81. After graduating from ISU, Lynch went on to complete his Juris Doctorate in 1984. He has been employed by Cozen O'Connor Law firm in San Diego, CA since 1988. He concentrates his practice on representing individuals, companies, and insurers impacted by catastrophes, including subrogation and recovery, environmental matters, contracts, and other civil matters. Lynch handles a multitude of recovery claims including wildfires, explosions, fires and other catastrophes. He represents companies and insurers on commercial and personal line losses arising out of those incidents. He can practice in the following courts: California Superior Court, Supreme Court Of California, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, U.S. District Court - Central District of California, U.S. District Court - Eastern District of California, U.S. District Court - Northern District of California, U.S. District Court - Southern District of California, and the U.S. Supreme Court .

Lynch is also an Internet Columnist for [www.inteFIRE.org](http://www.inteFIRE.org) and a legal columnist for California Fire & Arson Investigator, published by the California Conference of Arson Investigators. He is a lifetime member of the military and has traveled around the world.

While working with the ANA (Criminal Investigation Division "CID") on training of security forces, Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Counsel and CID officers, he executed assessments of courthouses and detention facilities located at multiple bases throughout Afghanistan. For this he was awarded a Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service.

Lynch developed and implemented Corps wide detention assessment forms for the ANA. Separately, he oversaw anti-corruption training of CID officers and NCO's. This was the first Afghan-taught CID investigator course in Kabul covering crime scene investigation, interviewing suspects, and crime reporting. This included preparing course materials, student assessments, graduation materials and training for ANA officers located throughout Afghanistan to bolster confidence in their ability to investigate and prosecute criminal cases effectively. Moreover, he was instrumental in the hiring of nine civilian CID advisors to assist in preparing the ANA CID to properly investigate and handle criminal cases. These advisors are to work at the Corps located in Kabul, Gardez, Kandahar, Herat and Mazar E Sharif.

In February 2009, Lynch returned from Iraq where he served as a member of the Operation Iraqi Freedom Forces. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, as the Deputy Rule of Law Officer, II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward, during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2007-2008. *(continued on page 16)*

**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](#)!**

# High-level security - Alumnus oversees safety and security for Chicago's Willis Tower



Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) in Downtown Chicago is a city within a city. One of the tallest buildings in the world, the tower is home to more than 100 different companies and their 12,000 employees. Approximately 2,000 business guests visit daily along with as many as 15,000 tourists to the building's iconic skydeck, which boasts breathtaking views of the surrounding metropolis. These 26,000 individuals rely on Keith Kambic '86 to keep them safe and secure.

Kambic has completely reimagined security at Willis Tower since he was recruited to oversee security and life safety for the building in 2004. Though three years had passed since the September 11 attacks that toppled the World Trade Center in New York City, security practices had not shifted to reflect a healing nation.

"In the Midwest we feel isolated," said Kambic, who is senior director of security and life safety. "9/11 was so new to Midwesterners, especially for property managers and building owners. The immediate reaction was to throw as many people as you possibly can at the problem."

The security staff had been increased to maintain a striking presence in the building. Guests and employees alike were required to pass through metal detectors immediately upon entering the building, creating a time-intensive process that drained security staff resources, and taxed the patience of prospective tenants, employees, and clients.

"You can't maintain that kind of expenditure and stay successful," Kambic said. "You have to provide a safe and secure environment for people to come to work in. But at the end of the day you have to manage the business."

Kambic immediately identified methods to create a relaxing atmosphere in Willis Tower, while still maintaining a high level of security. He removed the metal detectors and x-ray machines from the immediate entrance that deterred guests from shopping or stopping for refreshments in one of Willis Tower's nine restaurants. Kambic also created an ID system so that regular employees could pass quickly through checkpoints on their way in and out of the office.

In addition, he and his team implemented a new visitor management system and began requiring businesses to register all guests in advance. Surprisingly, the change decreased the daily business visitor traffic from 1,700 to 1,200 in 2004—evidence that a staggering number of people in the building were solicitors or attempting to scam their way up to the skydeck.

Implementing new technology and procedure changes were only the beginning of Kambic's plan. He also set out to create a shift in culture among his security staff. Until Kambic arrived, security staff wore hard uniforms modeled after the Chicago Police Department. He recognized that the ominous presence could be unnerving to visitors in a city that had begun to relax since 9/11, so he redesigned the uniforms. All 75 of his staff members are outfitted in sharp, tailored suits with vibrant, bright ties.

He did not only change the uniforms. Kambic also instilled a strong sense of customer service in his team.

"When I hire security staff here I am not necessarily looking for security experience," Kambic said. "I am looking for the ability to talk to people. You can teach someone to do rounds or evacuate people, but you can't teach human interaction."

The position saw Kambic exploring internal theft and safety cases. He discovered that he enjoyed the security field and had a knack for the work. After four years in the industrial environment, he accepted a position at Montgomery Ward at an inner city Chicago store. Kambic dealt with shoplifters, learned the art of internal theft, and gained the skills to unravel simple and complex schemes. Often he would rely on verbal craft—interviewing and interrogating to eventually get them to admit that they did something wrong.

"In that type of venue you really get to see the good, you really get to see the bad, and you get to see how weird people are," Kambic said.

Over the next 10 years he expanded in his role. Kambic transferred to the Montgomery Ward corporate office where he learned corporate protection, celebrity protection, and how to conduct investigations into credit card fraud, kickback schemes, and other white collar crimes. *(continued on page 16)*

# Faculty and Student Publications/Presentations



Dr. Dawn Beichner

## 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.

## Presentations:

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* (2-14-2014)



Dr. Shelly Clevenger

## 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.

## Presentations:

Navarro, J.,\*\* & Clevenger, S. L. ( November 21, 2013). The legality of bestiality in the United States. Presented at the American Society of Criminology conference in Atlanta, GA.

Clevenger, S. L., & Cole, G.V. \*(September 27, 2013). Retroactive sex offender legislation. Presented at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference in Chicago, IL.

Clevenger, S. L., & Langheim, K.\* (September 27, 2013). The importance of undergraduates in conducting original research. Presented at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference in Chicago, IL

\*Genoa Cole and Kelsie Langheim are undergraduate students in the CJS program.

\*\*John Navarro is a graduate student in the CJS program.



Dr. Michael Gizzi

## Publications:

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

"To Trespass or not to Trespass, Law Enforcement, Cell Phones, and Fourth Amendment." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL, September 2013. Co---authors: R. Craig Curtis, Michael Kittelson.

"The Supreme Court's Use of Per Curiam Opinions in Criminal Procedure Cases," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013. Co---author: Ethan D. Boldt.

# Faculty and Student Publications/Presentations



Dr. Sessa 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. (2013). All-Women Police Stations in Tamil Nadu and their focus on crimes against women. In P. Unnithan (Ed.), (pp. 155-175), *Crime and justice in India*. Sage Publications.

Kethineni, S. & J. Braithwaite. (2013). Toward a compliance model: The Indian Supreme Court and the attempted revolution in child rights. In P. Unnithan (Ed.), (pp. 300-325), *Crime and justice in India*. Sage Publications

## **Presentations:**

Kethineni, S. (February 2014). Combating Violence against Women in India: The Role of Women Empowerment Groups. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.

Kethineni, S. (November 2013). Informal System of Addressing Violence Against Women in India. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.



Dr. Jessie Krienert

## **Publications:**

Dixon, S.M.\*, Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A. (2013). Filicide: A Gendered Profile of Offender, Victim, and Event Characteristics in a National Sample of Reported Incidents, 1995-2009. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. DOI: 10.1080/0735648X.2013.803440

## **Presentations:**

Walsh, J.A. & Krienert, J.L. (2013). An Examination of psychopathic traits associated with four participation categories of adolescent and early adult bullying behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A., & Lech, L.\*\* (2013). An examination of inmate narratives addressing covert efforts at "safe sex" in correctional settings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Walsh, J.A. and Krienert, J.L. (2013). A retrospective look at bullying perpetration and victimization in a sample of university students. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Dallas, TX.

\*Shane Dixon is a graduate student in the CJS program.

\*\*Lukasz Lech is an undergraduate student in the CJS program.



Dr. Jason Ingram

## **Publications:**

Ingram, Jason R. (2014). Digital Piracy. In Jay S. Albanese (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.

## **Presentation:**

Lee, Sung Uook\* & Jason R. Ingram (2013). A Multi-level Examination of Patrol Officer Job Satisfaction: The Impact of the Sergeant. American Society of Criminology Paper Presentation (Atlanta, GA).

\*Sung Uook Lee is a graduate student in the CJS program.

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Dr. Phil Mulvey

## **Publications:**

Fox, A., Mulvey, P., Katz, C. & Shafer, M. Untangling the relationship between mental health and homelessness in a sample of arrestees. *Crime & Delinquency*. DOI: 10.1177/001128713511571

Mulvey, P. & White, M. The potential for violence in arrests of persons with mental illness. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*. Accepted 10/13.

## **Presentation:**

American Society of Criminology - 2013 The impact of mental illness on women's pathways to the Criminal Justice System.



Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp

## **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>.

Rabe-Hemp, C. & Brathwaite, J. (2013). An Exploration of Recidivism and the Officer Shuffle in Police Sexual Violence (PSV). *Police Quarterly*, 16 (2), 127-147.

Rabe-Hemp, C., Gokhale, A. & Woeste, L. (2013). Perceptions of Science and Technology: A Comparison of Criminal Justice and Traditional Science Majors. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 24(2), 137-152.

## **Presentations:**

A Historical Analysis of Parental Rights of Defective Children. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA. (November 2013).

The Impact of Sex Offenders: A Neighborhood Context. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA. (November 2013) with John Navarro.

Roundtable: Contemporary Issues in Policing Research: From the Perspectives of Women. Discussant. *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. (November 2013).

## **Interviews**

Illinois State Vidette  
Bloomington Pantagraph  
WJBC  
Virginian-Pilot in Virginia Beach, Va.



Dr. Jacqueline Schneider

## **Publications:**

Albanese, Jay (primary editor) (2014) *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Schneider, Jacqueline L. (associate editor) "Crime Types." New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

Navarro, John\*\* and Jacqueline L. Schneider (2013) "Animal Cruelty for Profit," in Brewster, M. P., & Reyes, C. L. (eds.) *Animal Cruelty: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.

Smith, Brian and Jacqueline L. Schneider (2014) "Stolen Goods Markets" in Jay Albanese (primary editor) *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Wiley-Blackwell. (**NOTE:** Co-author is a doctoral student at Rutgers University). (**NOTE:** Externally peer-reviewed).

## **Presentations:**

Schneider, Jacqueline L. (2014) "Criminological Techniques to Assist in Combatting the Illegal Wildlife Trade." World Bank, Washington, D.C. April 23, 2014.

Currently serving as consultant for TRAFFIC, international monitoring agency for trafficking in endangered species.

\*John Navarro is a graduate student in the CJS program.

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Dr. Jeff Walsh

## **Publications:**

Dixon, S.M.\*, Krienert, J.L., Walsh, J.A. (2013). Filicide: A Gendered Profile of Offender, Victim, and Event Characteristics in a National Sample of Reported Incidents, 1995-2009. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. DOI: 10.1080/0735648X.2013.803440

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Dr. Ralph Weisheit

## **Publications:**

"Treating Incarcerated Juvenile Methamphetamine Abusers." (with Andrew Belt, S. Alex Stalcup, and Gantt P. Galloway). *Psychology Research*, 3(8): 463-474. August 2013.

## **Presentations:**

"The Effects of Methamphetamine on Children and Families." Presented to the bi-annual meeting of the Illinois Collaborative Early Childhood Conference in Springfield, IL. October 2013



Susan Woollen

## **Publications:**

Woollen, S. & Otto, S. (2014). Intended consequences: Challenging white teachers' habitus and its influence in urban schools implementing an arts-based education reform. *The Urban Review*, (46) 1, 86-111.

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Park, JiHye and Kwak, Dae-Hoon, "Child Labor Victims of the State Crime: Examining the Effects of Political Corruption, Poverty and Education on Forced Child Labor." presented at Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA), Chicago, Illinois. September, 2013.

Park, JiHye and Kwak, Dae-Hoon, "Examining Applicability of General Strain Theory for Delinquent Behavior among South Korean Adolescents from Low-Income Households" presented at American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2013.

Park, JiHye, "Escaping Extreme Food Insecurity Lead to Other Forms of Food Insecurity: The Experiences of North Korean Women Migrating out of Hunger." at Film and Food Thoughts (Sponsored by *Women and Gender Studies and International Programs*). Illinois State University. December, 2013.

Park, JiHye and Rabe-Hemp, Cara, "Impacts of Gender Inequality and Poverty on Trafficking in Women" presented at the Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University. April, 2014.

Park, JiHye and Kwak, Dae-Hoon, "Key Strains, Anger and Delinquency: The General Strain Theory Test on South Korean Youths from Low-Income Households" presented at the Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University. April, 2014.

Navarro, John and Rabe-Hemp, Cara. Location, Location, Location, the impact of registered sex offenders on home sale prices: A case study of McLean County, Illinois. Illinois State University - Graduate Research Symposium. April 11, 2014

Kwak, Dae-Hoon, Richard Charleton, and Sung Uook Lee, "Political Regimes and Public Confidence in South African Police Service: A Longitudinal Analysis, 1990 – 2005." presented at Annual Meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dallas, Texas. 2013.

## 2014 Graduate Research Symposium

Graduate students Richard Charlton, John Navarro, JiHye Park, Cayla Comens, Sunguook Lee, Chiara Keune, and Erico Burgos presented their research project posters at the Graduate Research Symposium on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Brown Ballroom. The Graduate Research Symposium offers an exciting opportunity for enrolled Illinois State graduate students to present what they have learned, under the direction of a faculty mentor, through their research, scholarship, and creative endeavor to a large audience in a professional setting. Topics covered range from the illegal poaching of rhinos in South Africa to domestic terrorism to a project that looked at how Sex Offenders can affect housing costs in McLean County. The Department of Criminal Justice Sciences is very proud of each of them and the work they have produced.



JiHye Park, Cayla Comens, Chiara Keune, Sung Uook Lee

# 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.

This semester *Breaking Barriers* held monthly Monday night meetings with various topics. They began the semester discussing Interviewing Tips and Techniques. In February they watched a documentary and in March they got to meet and talk with alumna Becky Lawson-Rippey BA '99 MS '09.

In addition to the monthly meetings, BB participants had the opportunity to have "Lunch with a Professor" once a month. During these brown bag lunches, members got to hear about the education, career paths, and research agendas of our female faculty members.

The highlight of the semester was the *Breaking Barriers* panel "Women in CJ: Breaking Barriers" held in February. Panel participants were Stacy Jewell, Onarga Academy; Amanda (Jatkowski) Hoffman BA '08, East Peoria Police Department; Heidi (Leininger) Begy BA '09, Woodridge Police Department; and Leslie Reutter MS '12, McLean County Detention Center.

*BB* will end the semester with an end of the year social and begin preparing for the next academic year.



# Criminal Justice Association

The 2013-2014 school year has been a busy one for the Criminal Justice Association. We kicked off the fall by participating in the Homecoming float building contest. Our hard work paid off – we won first place! We plan to defend our title next year, and it would be great to have alums pitch in!



## Criminal Justice Association (cont.)

CJA also co-sponsored a Marine Leadership Conference last fall. Undergraduate and Graduate students, ROTC and non-ROTC, participated in this opportunity to interact with Marine Corps Captains and learn valuable leadership skills.



CJA has also participated in activities that not only benefit us as students, but other people. We have participated in College Mentoring for Kids throughout this school year. Some of the activities we prepared included the history of fingerprinting and how a bill becomes a law.

Something that all of our members are interested in is hearing people in the field talk about their careers and experiences. This year, we have hosted Lt. Paul Smith from the Normal Police Department, Thomas Greiner from the U.S. Marshals Service, and Michael Warren '08 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development – Office of Inspector General. We plan to increase the number of guest speakers next year and would like to include areas of criminal justice that tend to get less attention, such as private security. We hope to hear more alumni share their experiences with us. If you would like to participate, please contact Ryan Powers at [rmpower@ilstu.edu](mailto:rmpower@ilstu.edu).

CJA isn't all work and no play! We have organized some social events as well, such as attending Redbird baseball games. We also plan to take a field trip to the McLean County Detention Facility.

Next year, we hope to have more volunteer opportunities for the group, as well as more speakers and field trips. CJA is a growing organization, and we are excited to be a part of it!

# 2014 Department Award Winners

## Peter V. Vitucci Memorial Scholarship



Mia Gilliam

## Department Scholars - Transfer



Patrick O'Donnell



Jacqueline Vermaat

## Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship



Jewel Wakefield

## Outstanding Graduate Student



Richard Charlton

## Departmental Scholar - Native



Kimberly Spasari

## Outstanding Community Service Award



Nicole Tokarski

# 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 will be amongst the other CAST and ISU interns heading to Washington, D.C. for the summer. Through this scholarship they will be 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 our interns this summer, please email Tracy Wehrle at [tlwarne@ilstu.edu](mailto:tlwarne@ilstu.edu).



## Veterans find their place in the CJS Department

By Kelsey Lutz



Illinois State is home to numerous military veterans - 392 of them to be exact. Thirty-three of these veterans are enrolled in the Criminal Justice Sciences Department, including Chaze Patrick, Cayla Comens, and Cassandra Dodge.

During high school, Patrick had not given any thought to enrolling in college. Joining the military had not even crossed his mind until his commencement date approached. He finally decided to join the Marines as he liked the benefits for his future education that were included in the option. Yet, his true motive lied behind his admiration for the men and women who served before him and the impact they left on him and his country.

“I wanted to be a part of something that was bigger than me, and I wouldn’t trade my experience in the military for anything else in the world,” Patrick said.

While balancing the roles of a father and a husband, Patrick did his part in the military as a warehouse clerk for four years in the United States Marine Corps., a job that focused on issuing and receiving equipment needed for deployment, the accountability of this equipment, and various other responsibilities.

Just like Patrick, Dodge and Comens joined the military to follow in the footsteps of those before them. More specifically, they wanted to follow the path led by their family members.

If Dodge were to look at her extended family’s military experience, the number of veterans would be astounding. Within her immediate family, her father, two older sisters, and she hold experience. Dodge was a military police officer in the Active Duty Air Force for more than four years. Dodge and her sisters are the first women within her family to serve in the military.

“It’s a family thing. It’s what I know,” Dodge said.

A long line of family veterans seems to be a theme for Comens, as well. As a very family-oriented woman, her family’s history in the military played a major role in Comens’ decision to enlist in the Illinois Army National Guard after graduating high school, where she was a military police officer for six years. *(continued on page 16)*

## New CJS Course

### Seminar - CJS 241 - Internships and Careers in Criminal Justice

The CJS Department is always trying to improve its curriculum. Part of that is adding new courses. This fall, Mrs. Tracy Wehrle will be introducing CJS 241 Internships and Careers in Criminal Justice. This will be a 9 week, 1 credit course where students will be provided an overview of career opportunities in criminal justice, and prepare students for the required internship experience.

## 2014 Social Sciences Internship/Career 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 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Social Sciences Internship and Job Fair in the Brown Ballroom. 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 will be posted in the fall. If you would like your agency to be included for the 2015 Social Sciences Internship and Job Fair, please contact [criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu](mailto:criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu).



## The CJS Department needs your help!

Do you have any memorabilia from your days as a CJS major? The Department is looking to build up its collection in the ISU Archives. If you have anything that you would be willing to let us display in the department, or anything that you would be willing to donate to the Archives, we'd love to hear from you! E-mail [criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu](mailto:criminaljustice@illinoisstate.edu).

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## Alumni Updates

**Amanda (Jatkowski) Hoffman** BA '09 is a detective with East Peoria Police Department  
**Andrew Huntleigh** MA '07 is employed with Citizenship and Immigration Services  
**Brittany Krepak** BS '13 is a Loss Prevention Investigator with Neiman Marcus  
**Rebecca Larson** BS '06 is an attorney with Redmon Peyton & Braswell LLP  
**Andrew Leeper** BS '09 is a Probation Officer with Allen County Probation  
**Randall Martin** MS '00 is the Director of Security at Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino  
**Frank Morelli** BS '90 is a Unit Manager with Lake County Adult Probation Department  
**Greg Patton** BS '79 is a Criminal Justice Instructor with the District 87 Bloomington Area Career Center  
**Ashley Petrey** BS '07 is an attorney with the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
**Jonathon Reid** BA '05 is a U.S. Pretrial Services Officer  
**Gary Spear** '75 retired after 35 years with Champaign Police Department  
**Tyler Wiggs** BS '11 is a police officer with Normal Police Department  
**Justin Ziller** BS '08 is a police officer with Decatur Police Department

# Intern Spotlight - Jessica Gronset

As an intern at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC), I have had the opportunity to see a variety of different aspects of the juvenile justice system. A majority of my time is spent preparing, facilitating, and observing programs for the youth at the facility and the community members of Cook County.

In observance of Black History Month, many different community members collaborated with the JTDC to put on a long series of programs. At the beginning of the month I attended a program facilitated by Jamila Thomas, founder of Divine Women. Divine Women is an organization formed to empower women to fulfill dreams and rise above gender stereotypes. The MLK Theatre came in to present the one woman show on the Civil Rights Movement. This interactive show about the history of our country taught the youth that learning can be enjoyable. Every Thursday a woman brought in a therapy dog named Bandit to teach the youth about anti-cruelty. Jay Morrison came in to present his program, "Keys to Success: From Poverty & Prison to Prosperity & Purpose." He had a special connection with the youth because of his past with crime and drugs. Now, as a celebrity author and real estate mogul, Mr. Morrison shared how the youth could follow his blueprint to success. A commissioner of the west side of Chicago, Jesus Garcia, came in to tell the youth about his experience working with the city's first black mayor, Harold Washington. At the program, the youth learned about the great influence Chicago and our mayor had on the Civil Rights Movement. At the end of the month we facilitated a program on bullying for the parents of the youth and community members. The program informed the participants about Illinois' laws on bullying. Parental awareness is important because parents can help to prevent bullying by knowing the effect physical and emotional violence can have on a child.

Along with all of the special programs, there have been ongoing programs in which the youth can take part. One specifically was facilitated by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO). During the month of February a few representatives from the CSO came once a week to introduce the instruments to a group of the youth. In March, representatives for and players of the CSO and people from the organization Music in Prisons came for a full week to work with this same group of youth. Over the course of the week, the youth and facilitators came up with five tracks. These included instrumentals and tracks with lyrics that the youth came up with themselves. At the end of the week the youth performed for other pods of the JTDC and the guests they invited. They were accompanied by professionals of the CSO playing the violin, viola, double bass, and cello. The youth were very enthusiastic to get a chance to see family and show how much hard work they put into producing this show.

It has been amazing to see all of the people that contribute to the volunteer program during my time at the JTDC. I have really enjoyed working with Florida Turner, Volunteer and Internship Coordinator, and the youth. The volunteers who came in truly connected with the youth to get very powerful messages across, and to bring some joy to lives of people who have seen and experienced things I could never imagine. It has been an eye-opening experience to meet all of the people who really care about helping the troubled youth of the community. Watching the youth become engaged in and excited about the programs brought to them really encourages me to do more to help in the community and see the youth in a new light. We cannot give up on the troubled youth. We must help them to rise above the cycle of violence and find the path to the successful, happy, and safe life we all deserve.

Jessica Gronset '14



## **2013 Hall of Fame - Peter Lynch '81 (cont.)**

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In March of 2010, Lynch, a Reserve Marine Lieutenant Colonel, returned from a deployment to Afghanistan where he was a Military Advisor to the Afghan National Army (ANA) GS Legal, based out of Kabul, Afghanistan in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was later awarded a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and NATO Medal for my service with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom based in Kabul, Afghanistan during 2009-2010.

Lynch was awarded the Thomas Campuzano - Member of the Year Award by the California Conference of Arson Investigators for his contributions to the "California Fire-Arson Investigator" publication on breaking legal developments impacting fire investigations. He was awarded a Pro Bono (CLAY) Award by the California Lawyer for those who "left a lasting impact on the way those who follow them will practice" for his representation of Judy Booher, whose son was tragically killed as a fire fighter. The Brett Alan Laws Act was enacted and signed by the governor to protect emergency response personnel based on his work. Lynch was also awarded San Diego Magazine's Top Lawyer, Subrogation & Recovery, for 2013.

## **High-level security - Alumnus oversees safety and security for Chicago's Willis Tower (cont.)**

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"You really end up seeing the dark side of people in this work," Kambic said.

Eventually Kambic returned to the field as a district manager for Montgomery Ward, overseeing all of Chicago—19 stores and a distribution center. Annually he and his team would catch 1,000 internal theft schemes and 5,000 shoplifters.

Though he thoroughly enjoyed his work at Montgomery Ward, Kambic recognized a looming corporate bankruptcy and a hot job market as signs to seek a new challenge.

He joined Kroll Worldwide, where he worked on security and risk assessment projects for the Lincoln Museum, the University of Chicago, International Monetary Fund, and the Dominican Republic's Banco Popular.

Working with risk analysis and planning, engineering, and bidding out integrated security systems was a career turning point for Kambic as it set the stage for him to be placed in charge of security for the Aon Center (formerly the Amoco Building). The work in turn prepared him to assume responsibility over Willis Tower—a burden he shoulders with pride.

"I believe I have one of the best jobs in the country," Kambic said. "I work in a place where I can go anywhere in the country, say I work in this particular building, and most people will know where I work and what I do. There are only a handful of jobs that are like that."

## **Veterans find their place in the CJS Department (cont.)**

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"My dad was in the Navy, my uncle was in the Army, my grandfather was in the Army, so it was just kind of continuing the tradition," Comens said.

Although family has played a major role in the veterans' lives, there are others who have specifically helped transform them from military members to college students in a stress-free manner. The trio has raved about the faculty and administrators in the Criminal Justice Sciences Department for making their years at ISU enjoyable.

Once enrolled after their service was up, the three veterans became more involved on campus and in the Criminal Justice Sciences Department. Patrick and Dodge were inducted into the Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. The organization was developed for those who excel academically with a GPA of at least 3.25 within the department. Members contribute time and effort by volunteering within the community and campus.

In fact, the Criminal Justice Sciences Department is full of methods for veterans to become involved on campus. In fall 2012, the department implemented a new program, Breaking Barriers, dedicated to increasing the participation of women interested in careers in criminal justice sciences. Breaking Barriers helps connect these women with mentors who encourage them to become involved in criminal justice sciences. As members of the association, Dodge and Comens share their experiences within the department to help women overcome concerns about joining the department. They provide women with the academic and emotional support needed to "break the barriers" inhibiting their desire to pursue a future in criminal justice.

As Patrick, Dodge, and Comens continue to do their part in the department and on campus, they are hopeful that their experiences will help them achieve a successful future. With a bright past and an even brighter future, they hope to contribute to society by making positive differences as their dreams are fulfilled.



Homecoming is a great time for us to reconnect with alums! Each year, the College of Applied Science and Technology hosts a tent during the Homecoming Tailgate on Game Day (October 5th). All CJS alums are invited and encouraged to stop by! Join us September 29-October 5, 2014 to Rally the Redbirds!

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