

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice NEWSLETTER



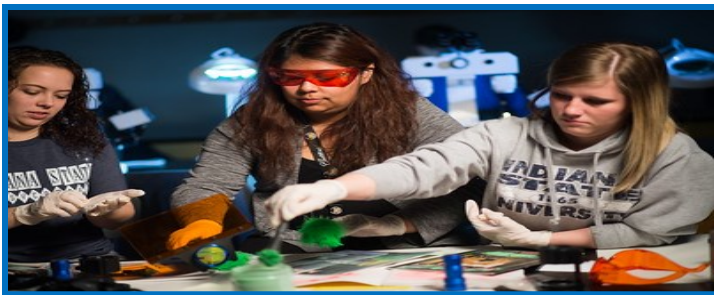
Welcome to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Newsletter, Spring 2016 edition. This newsletter is designed to provide current students, staff, and faculty, as well as our alumni, with information about all the great things going on in our department.

Our department continues to grow, having nearly 900 undergrad and graduate students in the fall of 2015. We are now the largest department by student majors on campus. Recruiting efforts are underway to reach a goal of 2,000 students by 2020.

In order to meet this new goal and give our students even more career opportunities we have started work on adding new lines to our program. These new programs would include studies in Intelligence Analysis and Cyber-Crime.

Our program continues to be recognized nationally as a leading Criminal Justice Program. Many of our Alumni hold positions in the criminal justice field nationally and internationally, including many in leadership roles.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and will share in our excitement for the future of our program here at Indiana State University.



Students working in Dr. Avdija's Forensics Class

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CCJ Welcomes Michelle Perrelle!



The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice would like to welcome Michelle Perrelle to the position of Student Services Assistant I. Michelle comes to us from Steelguard Safety where she worked for five years in sales. When asked why she chose ISU, Michelle noted that her previous employer was housed on Ninth Street near the university. When Steelguard relocated to Chicago, she thought ISU would be a nice place to work. A mother of three, Michelle brings with her a wealth of experience working with people. When asked what she thought about the job so far she stated, "I love the job...everyone is so friendly and nice!" Please stop by Holmstedt Hall 208 and say help us welcome Michelle!

Meet our Professional Student Advising Team

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice has changed how we do advising. Many of you probably remember standing in long lines for hours to see your assigned advisor, or possibly having trouble getting to your advisors office hours or maintaining contact.

We asked focus groups of seniors what would make the advising experience more satisfactory. Many of you said you would like more contact, more consistent information, and better availability. We heard you and responded with the creation of our professional advising model. We now have four full-time instructors advising all undergraduate students: Mr. Jonathon Burns – Director, Mr. Travis Behem, Mr. Gary Hartsock and Mrs. Mary Ellen Doucette-Lunstrum and one tenure track graduate coordinator Dr. Shannon Barton advising most graduate students.

These staff members have done a tremendous job in meeting with students and assisting with student success. If you would like to meet our staff in person, please stop by Holmstedt Hall any day of the week and you will find someone there ready to assist.



CCJ Bids Farewell to Brenda Starkey as She Retires



On January 29, 2016, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice said goodbye to a treasured member of CCJ, Brenda Starkey. After 19 years and 10 months of service to the department and university as an Administrative Assistant, Brenda decided it was time to take time for herself, her family and grandchildren to travel and enjoy their activities. Brenda began working at ISU in 1992. Taking a five year hiatus from 1999 to 2004 Brenda rejoined the department working as an Administrative Assistant for the Criminal Justice Institute. Following the retirement of Peggy Strobel in 2010, Brenda moved seamlessly into the Student Services Assistant position which she maintained until her retirement. When asked what she enjoyed most about working at ISU Brenda stated "...the students, faculty and staff. It has been a very fun place to work." Always friendly and willing to help with a smile, Brenda noted that the best advice to the new assistant is "...to be friendly and considerate. This will keep both the department and ISU a great place to be!" Brenda's years of service and dedication will be missed. Just as she said "We are like one big Criminology family." While we are happy Brenda will have more time to spend with her family and grandchildren and to travel, she will certainly be missed. Congratulations Brenda!!!! We all wish you well!!!!

Avdija and Evans Promoted



Dr. Avdi Avdija

Congratulations to Dr. Avdi Avdija and Ms. Karen Evans on their recent promotions. Dr. Avdija was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Karen Evans (library liaison to CCJ) recently received notification on her promotion to Professor in Library Services. Both promotions are well deserved. Congratulations and keep up the good work!!!!



Ms. Karen Evans



*CCJ Students tour the Federal Correctional Complex at Terre Haute, Indiana
Photo Credit: Bruce Ryherd, Turner Bus Driver--and a BOP retiree*

STUDENTS TOUR FCI—TERRE HAUTE

On November 5, 2015, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Instructor Mary Ellen Doucette-Lunstrum, J.D. took approximately 40 students on a tour of the United States Penitentiary which is part of the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Prison officials gave a presentation which provided information about the BOP, the 3 prisons, and demographics about the inmate population. The Complex Warden also spoke with all the students at the beginning and the end of the tour.

The students toured 2 different housing units; the law library, education department, religious services department, psychology department, Unicor, and the medical department. At each location, a prison staff member explained what that particular department did.

After the tour concluded the students returned to the Wardens conference room and a representative from human resources spoke with the students about a career with the BOP. Students received a flyer with details about how to apply through USA-JOBS. The students traveled to the prison on a Turner bus, which was paid for by a grant from the ISU Career Center.

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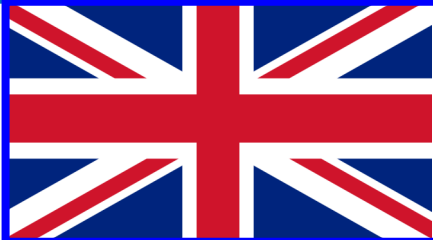
Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) fraternity has been recruiting new members this past semester. LAE is involved with community projects as well as having great guest speakers for their organization. If you would like to become a member please contact Mr. Burns or the Criminology department at 812-237-2192

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma has also been recruiting new members this semester. This is a national criminal justice honor society organization that recognized academic excellence by undergraduates and graduates. For more information on how to become a member contact Dr. Grimes or the Criminology department at 812-237-2192.

Both organizations offer something great for Criminology students; be a part of something amazing, join today!

From ISU to London and Croatia, Faculty Lead Study Abroad Programs Continue to be a Success



The Criminology Department at ISU has long been involved in study abroad. Beginning in 2005, Dr. Sudipto Roy did the pioneering work to create a unique and productive exchange program in partnership with the University of Zagreb, located in Croatia. Every year since, there has been an exchange of faculty and/or students between the Universities. Also, since the summer of 2008 Professor Lisa Decker has regularly offered students the opportunity to study comparative criminal justice for a month in London. Now, as Dr. Roy nears retirement, Professor Decker will supervise both the Zagreb and London programs, coordinating them to run in alternating years so that students will have criminal justice related study abroad opportunities every year!

In May of 2016, students from the University of Zagreb will travel to the ISU campus to study global drug crimes policy with students from ISU. Then in the early summer of 2017, ISU students will travel to Croatia to study a comparative criminal justice subject on the Zagreb campus, with the University's students from the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, Department of Criminology. In the late summer of 2018, ISU Crim students will have the opportunity to study in London with Professor Decker, taking in famous sites like the Tower of London, the Runnymede field where the Magna Carta was signed, The Old Bailey criminal courts. They will also take a Jack the Ripper tour as they learn about the roots of the American criminal justice system and compare current English criminal justice practices with those in the U.S. today.

The Criminology Department is also investigating the possibility of organizing an alumni trip to either London or Croatia in the future. Interested alumni as well as any students interested in study abroad with the Criminology department should contact Professor Lisa Decker at lisa.decker@indstate.edu

Broaden your horizons—Study Abroad with Criminology!

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES FEATURES POLICE PANEL OF EXPERTS

The first Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Speaker Series of 2016 was held on February 3, 2016.

The guest speakers featured Executive Director of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, Rusty Goodpaster, Vigo County Sheriff, Greg Ewing, Indiana State University Assistant Police Chief Michele Barrett, and Sergeant Joe Watts with the Indiana State Police.

The panel answered some prepared questions as well as questions from the audience. Topics ranged from the use of body worn cameras, to the requirements necessary to become a police officer as well as what it is like to live and train at the academy.

We appreciate our panel of speakers for taking the time to come out and talk to our students about policing and many of the issues associated with this career path.



Featured speakers from left to right are: Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Executive Director Rusty Goodpaster, Indiana State University Assistant Police Chief Michele Barratt, Vigo County Sheriff Greg Ewing, Sergeant Joe Watts with the Indiana State Police and moderator of the event, Criminology Graduate Research assistant Ella Meyer.

GUEST SPEAKERS IN THE CLASSROOM WABASH VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



From left to right: IDOC Training Officer Elise McDaniel, Caseworker Jennifer Walters and Superintendent Richard "Dick" Brown.

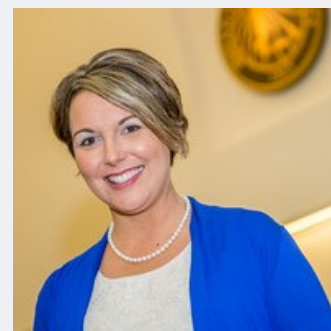
On December 1, 2015, corrections interfaced with academics when three ISU alumni from the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility spoke to juniors and seniors in Dr. Shannon-Barton Bellessa's and Dr. Avdi Avdija's classes.

Superintendent Dick Brown (Class of 1992, Criminology), Training Officer, Elise McDaniel, (Class of 2002, College of Education) and Caseworker, Jennifer Walters (Class of 2014, Criminology and Criminal Justice), spoke with students about

their educational experience at ISU, their backgrounds and interest in corrections, their career paths, and current jobs. In addition, Superintendent Brown spoke at length about the hiring process and duties of a correctional officer. The students enjoyed the talk asking a variety of questions to the guest speakers. Following the presentation, the guests enjoyed lunch with faculty at Generations. We thank each of them for taking time away from their day to speak with current students and hope to have them back soon!

"Our Alumni play a vital role when returning to campus to talk to our student's. It gives our student's a different view and insight into the Criminology field from those who have or are working within it." - Travis Behem

On April 18, 2016, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice welcomed back alumna Heather Ryan as our final speaker in the CCJ Speaker Series. Ryan graduated in 2001 with a Masters of Science degree in Criminology. Shortly after graduation, Heather began a successful 14 year career as a NCIS agent. During that time period, she gained an abundance of insight into the workings of the criminal mind. After leaving NCIS, Heather started her own company called Safe in the City (see www.safeinthecity.co) where she shares her work with college age students and others on how to remain safe from sexual predators. Heather was generous enough to give two presentations to the ISU community. Her first presentation focused on her rise to and through NCIS and her own company. She placed emphasis on what she called her four tips for successful federal employment: 1) complete an internship with a federal agency; 2) obtain an advanced degree; 3) have something on your resume that makes you unique; and 4) obtain work experience with some form of a criminal justice agency. The second presentation was aimed more towards the general college community and how to stay safe. Heather offered five key techniques to feeling empowered: 1) Fake it until you become it; 2) have a sober sister or friend when you are out; 3) If you carry a weapon make sure you know how to use it; 4) the truth versus reality of date rape drugs; and 5) go with your gut (instinct) when you are out. Each of these presentations were very well received by the students and the rest of the university community. The department would like to send out a big Thank You to Heather for visiting campus and we hope to see her again soon!



For more information on Heather Ryans visit see <http://wthitv.com/2016/04/18/isu-grad-and-former-ncis-agent-talks-crime-with-students/>

ISU CCJ Alumni Dave Brant Returns to Campus

Former NCIS Director and ISU CCJ Alum, Dave Brant returned to ISU February 8th, 2016. He spoke to faculty and staff about his career as an NCIS agent then as the Director of the esteemed agency.

Mr. Brant visited criminology classes and discussed how students should prepare for their future jobs. He also spoke about torture and the detainees in Guantanamo Bay. During his tenure as NCIS Director he was opposed to the torture techniques being used and did not want his agents to be involved with that.

Mr. Brant also discussed some of the future employment areas in the criminal justice field, such as cyber-security and intelligence analysis, new tracts that are in the development stages at ISU—CCJ department.

Mr. Brant talked about how he became an instrumental part of the development of the hit

TV show NCIS. He said he could now out recruit even the FBI because of the publicity the program brought to the agency.

We appreciated having Mr. Brant on campus and talking with our faculty and students.

See related story: <https://www2.indstate.edu/news/news.php?newsid=4624>



Former NCIS Director and ISU—CCJ Alum discusses waterboarding and torture issues with students.

ISU CCJ Alumni Dan McDevitt Visits Campus

ISU Criminology and Criminal Justice Alum, Dan McDevitt returned to campus on March 29th, 2016 to visit with faculty and students. He discussed the new program ideas the department is working on, such as Cyber Crime and Intelligence Analysis and provided feedback for these new tracts.

Mr. McDevitt discussed his 36 year career in law enforcement, which included being a Chief of Police, Illinois State Trooper and NCIS agent. He now owns and operates a consulting business.

Mr. McDevitt talked to several Criminology classes about his career and what it takes to get a job in the Criminal Justice Field. He emphasized that this profession requires commitment and that not everyone deserves to wear the badge. We want to thank Mr. McDevitt for his time he spent with our students and faculty, it was a great visit.

See related Tribune Star online article: http://www.tribstar.com/news/local_news/badge-requires-commitment-sacred-oath-police-vet-tells-isu-students/article_64f957cf-50b6-522a-8b75-64d7dc1a639a.html



ALUMNI KYLE MITCHELL RECEIVES MVC SILVER ANNIVERSARY TEAM AWARD

Indiana State Police Officer Kyle Mitchell was recently honored (November 14, 2015) with the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Silver Anniversary Team Award, presented to him on the playing field of Indiana State University's (ISU) Memorial Stadium.

Mitchell was originally inducted in 2009, but university officials were unable to locate him. After graduating from ISU, he moved to Canada to pursue a professional football career in the Canadian Football League (CFL) where he played from 2006-2009. While in the CFL, Mitchell played for the Saskatchewan Roughriders and briefly with the British Columbia Lions (B.C. Lions). During his time on the Roughriders, the team won the Grey Cup Championship in 2007. For those not aware, this is the Canadian equivalent to the NFL Super Bowl.

The Silver Anniversary Awards are presented each year by the American National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to recognize six distinguished former student-athletes on their 25th anniversary of the end of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility. Nominees must have received a varsity letter at an NCAA member institution and achieved personal distinction since his or her graduation. Selection criteria are weighted, 40 percent to the nominee's status as a prominent collegiate athlete and 60 percent to the nominee's career achievement. The award is considered one of the most prestigious in the world of collegiate sports.

Tpr. Kyle Mitchell now shares the honor of being a Silver Anniversary Award winner with other notable recipients such as: Bo Jackson (Auburn University), Troy Aikman (UCLA-Football), Doug Flutie (Boston College – Football), Sean Payton (Eastern Illinois – Current New Orleans Saints Head Coach), Warren Moon (University of Washington), Steve Young (Brigham Young – Football), Mike Singletary (Baylor University), Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (UCLA-Basketball), Dick Butkus (University of Illinois), Rodney Harrison (Western Illinois), Bob Griese (Purdue Anniversary), and Kurt Warner

(University of Northern Iowa).

Kyle Mitchell is the Fourth Indiana State Sycamore to receive this award in the history of the ISU Football program. While in College, his position Coach and Mentor Coach Shannon Jackson was also a recipient of the Silver Anniversary Award in 1999. Kyle Mitchell broke Shannon Jackson's All-Time Career Sack Record and Tackle For Loss (TFL) record during his tenure at ISU.

While at ISU, Mitchell also had other notable achievements:

- All-Newcomer Team recipient for the Gateway Football Conference
- All New-Comer of the year runner-up
- Three-Time First Team All-Conference Award
- Pre-Season All-American
- ISU Three-Time Most Valuable Player Award
- Four-Time Verizon Scholar Athlete
- Voted ISU Team Captain (four times)
- Three-Time National Academic Dean's List
- Three-Time All-Academic Team
- ISU Football Program All-Academic Representative.

When asked what he attributed his success to, Mitchell said, "My Father is a retired Marine and my Mother passed away of breast cancer before I picked up a football. The discipline that they instilled in me as a youth, has assisted me throughout my life. Competing heavily in collegiate sports, coupled with a strong academic background was transferable to my career with the Indiana State Police." Mitchell concluded, "The discipline, self-drive, and work ethic instilled by parents, coaches, and support of my teammates, helped me continue to strive for greatness."

The Indiana State Police is fortunate to have people the caliber of Tpr. Kyle Mitchell wearing the uniform of the Indiana State Police, where he presently serves as a recruiter for the department. Provided by Indiana State Police Press Release,



Kyle Mitchell

*Indiana State Police Trooper and
ISU Criminology and Criminal
Justice Graduate receives Mis-
souri Valley Conference Silver
Anniversary Team Award.*

CCJ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Donation Drive for the Vigo County Children's Homes—2016

This year the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) once again partnered with the Terre Haute Area Association of Realtors (THAAR) to collect donations for the Vigo County Homes for Children (VCHC). The three residential group homes offer treatment programs for emotionally and/or physically abused and neglected children as well as delinquents (usually status offenders). Their philosophy and ultimate goal is the reunification of families. The group homes provide a stable, nurturing, family environment for the children in a home-like setting. Staff works diligently to teach the residents to become self-sufficient while nurturing their educational enhancement. For some children, the VCHC serves as their first exposure to a positive interactive family life. The donations collected will assist the staff and residents in ensuring the continued success of this program.

The CCJ Department and THAAR would specifically like to recognize and thank the following people and groups:

Students from Dr. Barton's CRIM 606 Research Methods and CRIM 427 Dynamics of Crime and Delinquency classes for donating pillows, clothes, and money.

Student's from Mary Ellen Doucette-Lunstrum's classes for donating pillows, clothing and other items.

Various faculty and staff for donating clothing, games, books (many from local library sales as well as personal libraries), and many other items.

Friends of the Vigo County Public Library for donating several boxes of books

Cunningham Memorial Library for donating several boxes of educational material and other books.

Loren Chapman and her team at the Registration and Registrar's office for donating 38 pillows, over 100 books, games, monetary contributions, and other items.

All together we were able to raise:

Several bags of clothing, shoes and related items. Over 15 puzzles, 23 Games, 21 DVD's, 73 Pillows (and several pillow cases), and 1,170 books, which was over twice the goal of 500 we had set early on.

Thank you to everyone who supported our great cause, showing once again the ISU community is about giving and helping others right here in the Wabash Valley.

CCJ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



When presented with new pillows, appreciative criminology students thoughts turned to those with greater needs. Dr. Barton's CRIM 606 Research Method class donated their new pillows to needy children. These pillows were donated to the Children's Homes Donation Drive in Vigo County.

CCJ Students Write Condolences to Fallen Officers

During Spring, 2016, Instructor Travis Behem wanted to find a way to get his students more involved with more hands on activities. He also recognized the need to reach out to law enforcement agencies to convey condolences for officers and K-9's lost in the line of duty. In an effort to acknowledge this ultimate sacrifice and to bring more awareness to the potential dangers of the job to students and the impact on communities, he began exploring opportunities to obtain funding for a notecard writing campaign. The Center for Community Engagement on campus offered such a funding source. Mr. Behem applied for and was awarded a \$560 grant to purchase "Thin Blue Line" notecards to be completed by students in his Introduction to Policing course. The students were excited to be a part of this writing effort. Unfortunately this became an almost weekly event. At the time of this printing, there have been almost 900 cards sent out to over 25 agencies of fallen officers. Causes of death for officers killed in the line of duty range from serving arrest warrants, domestic disputes, vehicle accidents, and other gun related fatalities. Student support has not gone unnoticed from agencies with several responding back with thank you letters for condolences. These efforts and responses are appreciated by all.



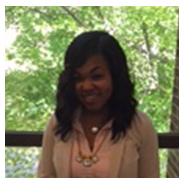
Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award



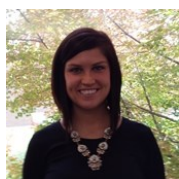
Saran Ahmad-Spratts



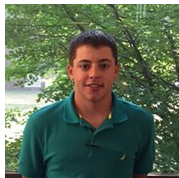
Mary Dzakpasu



Kerria Hopkins



Ella Meyer



Garrett Mitchell



Kirk Moore



Cody Owen

As a Graduate Assistant, Ella Meyer has made a significant and positive impact in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana State University. Ella's contributions have been most significant in four areas. First, she helped coordinate the Annual CCJ Career Fair; second, she helped organize guest speakers for the CCJ Speaker Series; third, she serves as President of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society; and finally, she has participated in conducting research with faculty members such as data collection with Dr. Frank Wilson on prison cemeteries and training with the Indiana Department of Correction on Human Trafficking (with Drs. Jennifer Grimes and David Polizzi). Following graduation Ella will be starting a position as a Federal Probation Officer in Des Moines, IA.



Ella Meyer receiving her award April 2016.

Meet Our Graduate Assistants

This year the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice was lucky enough to hire six graduate assistants: Saran Ahmad-Spratts, Mary Dzakpasu, Kerria Hopkins, Ella Meyer, Garrett Mitchell, Kirk Moore, and Cody Owen. These students have been helpful in assisting faculty with grading undergraduate research papers and conducting research. Although next year we will lose one position, we are grateful for the hours and dedication of these students.

Graduate Students Assist Dr. Wilson in Prison Cemetery Research

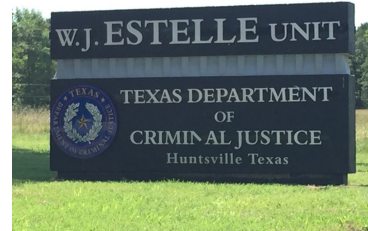
During the summer of 2015, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice students Ella Meyer and Hannah Hixson traveled to East Texas with Dr. Franklin T. Wilson to assist in his prison cemetery research, to visit various prisons including an execution chamber; Sam Houston State University; The Texas Prison Museum; and the Forensic Facility (Body Farm) at Sam Houston State University. Each



of the visits are summarized below.

Captain Joe Byrd Prison Cemetery. Ella and Hannah assisted Dr. Wilson in his continued documentation of the Captain Joe Byrd Prison Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. The Captain Joe Byrd Prison Cemetery is the largest prison cemetery in the United States. Findings from Dr. Wilson's research helped document that over 3,000 inmates have been buried in the cemetery since the 1850s; the majority of which have occurred since the 1980s. In 2012, due in part to Dr. Wilson's research, the cemetery was declared a State Historical Cemetery. The majority of those buried in the cemetery are prisoners whose families could not afford to bring the body of their loved ones home. Less than 1% of those buried in the cemetery have been executed in Huntsville.

Historical Texas Prisons and Execution Chamber Tours. Ella, Hannah, and Dr. Wilson were given an exhaustive tour of the Estelle Unit and its High Security Unit. The prison, with about 5,459 square feet of space, opened in June of 1984. The facility is named after Ward James "Jim" Estelle, a former prison director of Texas. The Estelle Unit has a geriatric facility, a program for physically handicapped inmates, a program for substance abusers, a high security unit, and a regional medical facility. It is the largest prison medical facility in the Texas Prison System and one of the largest in the country. The Estelle High Security Unit is a supermax facility. The high security unit was the first of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's "super seg" units. The security unit houses many of the most violent male prisoners in the State of Texas.



They also received a tour of the Huntsville Unit (Wall's Unit) and the Texas Execution Chamber by the warden. The warden of the Huntsville Unit is in charge of the maintenance of the Captain Joe Byrd Cemetery, the TDCJ prisoner cemetery and oversees every execution. The facility, the oldest Texas state prison, opened in 1849. The unit houses the State of Texas execution chamber. It is the most active execution chamber in the United States, with over 500 executions after 1982 when the death penalty was reinstated in Texas. On December 7, 1982, Texas became the first state to use lethal injection to carry out capital punishment, for the execution of Charles Brooks, Jr. This execution took place in the execution chamber the students toured.



Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice and Adjoining Training Institutes

Tours. The students were also given a guided tour of the Sam Houston State University George Beto College of Criminal Justice Center. One of the oldest programs in the country the College of Criminal Justice is home to over 3,000 undergraduate majors as well as a Masters and Ph.D. program. The College became one of the first programs in the U.S. to offer a Ph.D. in criminal justice and is the first in the State of Texas to offer the Masters of Science in Forensic Science.

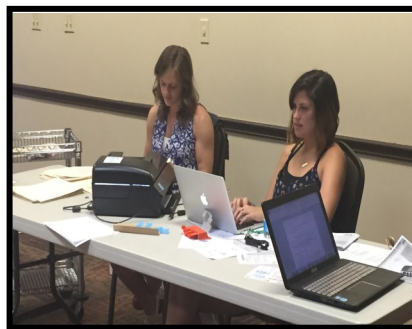
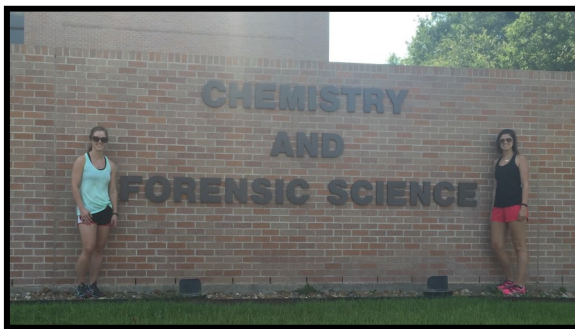
Bill Blackwood LEMIT (Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas): The students toured LEMIT which is connected to the College of Criminal Justice. LEMIT is a nationally recognized Institute offering premiere professional development opportunities in policing. Since 1989,



and College Police, Alcohol Beverage Control Agents, District Attorneys and Attorney General Offices; and Emergency Management Coordinators. In April, 2013, Sam Houston State University received a substantial grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop on-line training courses for members of the environmental enforcement community working at state, local and tribal agencies. The three year project will deliver web-based training from their page on the LEMIT website. Year round law enforcement leaders go through mandatory training in the LEMIT building. In addition to the numer-



Texas Prison Museum. The students and Dr. Wilson were given a tour of the Texas Prison Museum by former Huntsville Unit Warden and current Director of the Texas Prison Museum Jim Willit. After completing the tour, the students donated their time to help the Prison Museum scan and archive historical prison records.



Students Tour Second Largest Forensic Body Farm In The United States. In the morning Criminology Students were given a tour of the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility (Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice Body Farm). Located on approximately 11 Acres the facility is the second largest body farm in the world. <http://www.shsu.edu/~stafs/mission.html>. In the afternoon the students had lunch with Dr. Jasmine Drake a forensic chemist on faculty with the Sam Houston State University College of Criminal Justice's Forensic Science Department. Following lunch the students were given a tour of the state of the art forensic science facility.

CCJ Career Fair

On April 6, 2016 the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice held its annual career fair at the Hulman Memorial Student Union. There were nearly 40 different agencies on hand to talk to students from all majors about internships and careers in the criminal justice system. We would like to thank all those who attended and look forward to seeing you back next year!

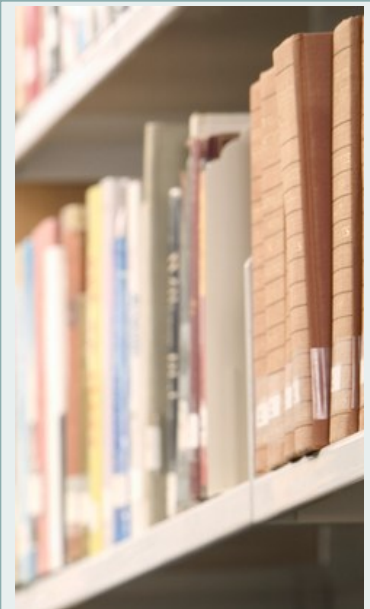


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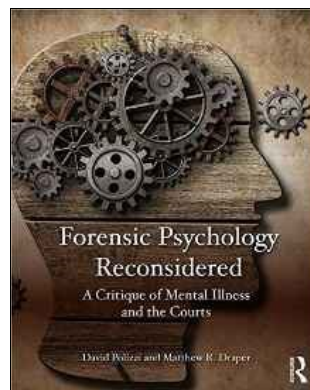
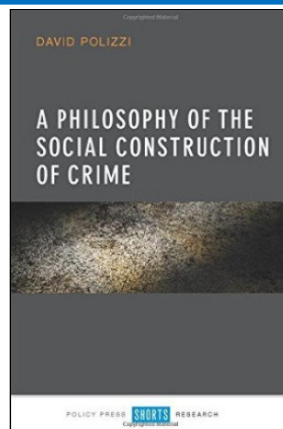
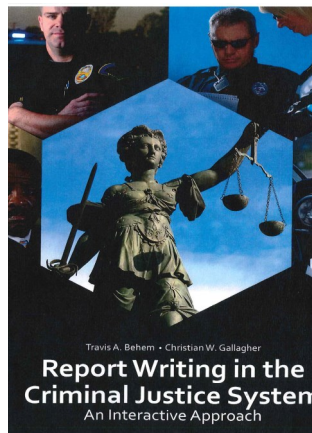
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“Graduate students have opportunities to not only publish their work with professors but also present their work at professional conferences.”- Dr. Shannon Barton-Bellessa

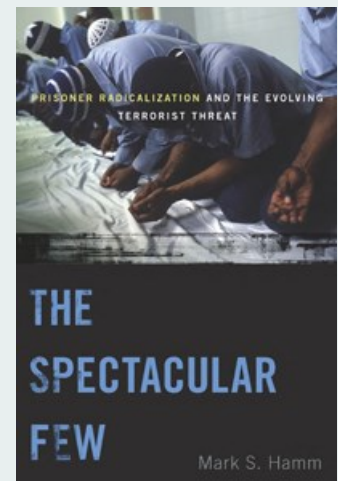
FACULTY IN PRINT—BOOKS

In this volume we feature faculty who have recently published books: Dr. Mark S. Hamm, Dr. David Polizzi, Instructor Travis A. Behem and Co-Author Dr. Christian W. Gallagher.



Dr. Mark Hamm's most recent work entitled:

The Spectacular Few.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana State University has as its major goal to discover new knowledge and to assist the community in solving problems while providing all of its students a sound liberal arts education with a focus on understanding criminal behavior, the criminal justice system, mechanisms of social control and their relationship to society. Students electing to major in criminology and criminal justice are prepared for careers in the criminal justice field as well as for entry into law school or a graduate program in criminology or a related discipline. The wide variety of courses offered enables each student to determine his or her program in terms of interests and aspirations. An integral part of the criminology and criminal justice program is the internship which allows students to gain a clearer understanding of criminal justice agencies.

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ALUMNI CORNER

There have been numerous changes over the last several years, if you have not been to campus for a while, you should plan a visit. There has been a tremendous beautification efforts across campus ranging from the demolition of the College of Business and Education Towers to the closing of many of the streets you may have walked down as a student, all in an effort to make our campus more student friendly. In the fall of 2015 a \$16 million dollar renovation was completed to the "Old" Normal Hall (Library), bringing back amazing history and faded glory to the oldest building on campus.

Other Facts:

- The Department of Criminology was founded in 1972.
- In 1990 it moved to its current location in Holmstedt Hall.
- The name of the Department officially changed to Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2009
- As of Fall, 2015, we are now the largest major on campus with nearly 900 students in our major, with projected growth.
- Students can fully enroll and complete their degree either on campus or via distance learning.
- Efforts to recruit and build our program continue. Expanding recruitment into work places to encourage those in the field to go back and finish a degree they have worked on, or pursue a Master's Degree.
- Gifting efforts for 2016 are underway to raise money for scholarships for Criminology students.
- Currently, 52% of CCJ students are female.

Our alumni continue to make a difference and influence major areas in society. For example, alums may be found holding positions which include numerous local, state, federal and international police and corrections personnel, probation and parole officers, attorneys, academics, and other related jobs. Many have served in positions such as judges, wardens, sheriffs, police chiefs, directors of prominent positions such as NCIS, Regional FBI, Department of Correction Commissioners, Department of Homeland Security and various other notable positions both domestic and international. We are proud of our alumni, their achievements and the impact they have made both domestically and globally.

Keep up with all the current news and information from ISU and the CCJ department. Find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/indstateccj/?fref=nf>



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