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Welcome to the inaugural edition of *Criminal Justice News*, the official newsletter of the Criminal Justice Program at Washington State University. This newsletter will inform alumni, students, current and retired faculty and staff, and our research partners about the news and research activities happening on all of our campuses and through WSU Online.

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## MARENIN LEADS EFFORTS ON INTERNATIONAL POLICING

Professor Otwin Marenin's recent research has focused on the security sector and police reforms and on international assistance programs to help transitional and developing countries create democratic policing systems.

Dr. Marenin was commissioned by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) to write a report on Integrated Border Management in the European Union (EU), based on government documents and interviews with EU officials and non-governmental organizations in Brussels, Warsaw, and Geneva. The lengthy report was published online in early 2010 and is available at [www.dcaf.ch](http://www.dcaf.ch).

Marenin is continuing his work with the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations as a member of the International Policing Advisory Committee, now renamed the Global Policing Policy Community, to assist and advise the police division on developing a strategic doctrine for the deployment of UN police in peacekeeping missions. The committee meets twice a year, most recently in Italy and New York.

DCAF, in cooperation with the Department for International Development (DFID), the foreign aid office in the British government, invited Dr. Marenin to go to Kathmandu, Nepal to advise the Nepalese police on key issues they will face as the country moves toward a federal system. He and the deputy director of DCAF met with police leadership and members of the constituent assembly, which is drafting a new federal constitution for Nepal. Over the course of one week they discussed the structure, policies, and performance of policing systems in existing federal countries (e.g., Germany, Nigeria, Spain, Switzerland, and USA) as possible models or guides for Nepalese police forces on how to engage in the federalization process. A report was delivered to the DFID office in Nepal outlining steps which could be taken by DFID to assist the Nepalese police in managing their transformation

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from a centralized to a federalized policing system.

In September Dr. Marenin gave an invited presentation, "Managing Corruption," to the Ministry of the Interior and the police leadership at a workshop in Skopje, Macedonia, organized by the Organization for Security for Economic Cooperation in Europe Police Mission to Macedonia. The workshop was part of an effort to assist the Macedonian government and police in developing a Human Resources Management System for their security agencies.

Later that month he was invited to Istanbul by the Turkish National Police to give a paper at a conference celebrating the opening of the Intelligence Research Studies Center at the National Police Academy. The paper was titled "Constructing the Virtual Person: The Roles of Intelligence in Border Management."

Most recently, Dr. Marenin has been invited by the government of Australia to join a high level reference group of up to five international experts who will serve as quality assurance monitors

for an evaluation of Australia's development assistance program in the law and justice sector. The evaluation will be conducted by the Australian government's office of development effectiveness to assess the efficacy of current law and justice development programs. The reference group will provide advice on evaluation procedures, will sketch lessons and best practices known from other assistance programs, and will be asked to write strategic pieces on the main issues and best ways to forward Australia's law and justice assistance programs.

**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

As the director of the Criminal Justice Program, let me say how proud I am of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni for their work in the program. During the past two years, we have awarded 10 doctoral, 22 master's, and 206 bachelor's degrees in criminal justice. Our newest graduates, like many of their fellow alums, are employed in universities, criminal justice agencies, and professions across the nation too diverse to enumerate. Additionally, program faculty and graduate students have published several books and dozens of research articles and reports and have obtained over a million dollars in external research and consulting grants and contracts.

As proud as I am of what our students and faculty have accomplished during the past few years, I am excited about the program's future. I am pleased to report that as of this semester the Criminal Justice Program is an autonomous unit within the College of Liberal Arts. While we continue to work closely with Nicholas Lovrich, Tom Preston, Martha Cottam, and other political science faculty, our separation from the political science department allows us to establish our own identity and facilitates our ability to grow and evolve in an interdisciplinary fashion to serve the needs of our students, the college, the Univers-



*Clock tower, WSU Pullman*

ity, and our research partners.

In addition to changes in our administrative structure, there have been several personnel changes worthy of note. We said goodbye to Matt Nobles and to Jeff and Leana Bouffard, who moved on to the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston.

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Fortunately we filled these vacancies with three exceptional young scholars. Zachary Hamilton, who earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers, joined the program in August; Jackie Van Wormer, a 2010 WSU Ph.D., joined us in January; and Melanie Neuilly from University of Idaho will be joining the faculty in Pullman next Fall.

As we move forward as an independent unit, the challenges are great, but the opportunities are greater. I will do my best to keep you informed of our individual and joint activities. Whether you are a former or current student, research partner, or colleague, I extend an invitation to you to contact me (see below) to make a suggestion or comment, or to share your opinion about the Criminal Justice Program at WSU.

David Brody  
Associate Professor and Director



Dr. Faith Lutze (center, flanked by Ricky Gutierrez [Ph.D. 2002] and Schannae Lucas [Ph.D. 2008]) attended the 2010 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), where she was awarded the Coramae Richey Mann Leadership Award by the Minorities and Women Section of ACJS and the Outstanding Member Award by the Corrections Section of ACJS.

## RESEARCH ADDRESSES CRIMINAL JUSTICE/HEALTH SCIENCES LINKAGES

In 2010 the WSU Board of Regents designated WSU Spokane as Washington State University's health science campus. In part due to this focus, faculty and graduate students associated with the Spokane campus have been involved in a number of research efforts involving link-

ages between the health sciences and the criminal justice system.

One notable example is the research of Dr. Bryan Vila. Since arriving at WSU in 2005, Dr. Vila has conducted extensive research on the effect of fatigue on police performance and decision making. In 2009, he obtained funding from the Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) to establish the Simulated Hazardous Occupational Tasks (SHOT) Lab on the Spokane campus.

The SHOT Lab (which is fully integrated with WSU Spokane's nationally recognized Sleep and Performance Research Center) provides researchers with a controlled yet realistic operational

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## KING COUNTY SHERIFF RETURNS TO WSU



King County Sheriff Sue Rahr (center) speaks at the Foley Institute with Patricia McInturff (left, former department director for the City of Seattle) and Joni Earl (right, CEO of Sound Transit).

In October, King County Sheriff Sue Rahr, a 1979 criminal justice graduate, returned to Pullman for the first time in over twenty years. Sheriff Rahr came back to the Palouse to speak at a Foley Institute event about the opportunities and obstacles facing women in public service. She told a standing room only crowd of students, faculty, and community members about her rise as King County's first female patrol deputy to its first female sheriff in 2005.

Sheriff Rahr also had the chance to tour Pullman and the WSU campus. The transformation of the campus, from Van Doren Hall, home of the Criminal Justice Program when she

attended WSU, to the sparkling, high-tech Center for Undergraduate Education, where the panel was held, she found to be remarkable.

At lunch with the Criminal Justice faculty, Sheriff Rahr discussed how important it is for individuals working in the criminal justice system to have a broad education. Whether at the graduate or undergraduate level, Rahr said, the experience and knowledge gained from attending college is used routinely in addressing the challenges one faces working in the criminal justice system. Moreover, she said, she is thankful for the opportunities her WSU degree in criminal justice has provided her.

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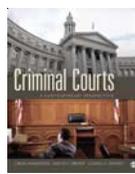
environment in which to study the effects of sleep and sleep deprivation, and to research skills critical to the success and survival of police officers, military personnel, first responders, and others working in 24/7 operational settings. Equipment utilized in the lab includes deadly force judgment training simulators to replicate violent encounters, driving simulators, eye-tracking devices that measure situational awareness and decision-making time, and smart garments that unobtrusively collect physiological data. This equipment enables researchers to simultaneously monitor a wide range of physiological and behavioral variables, including alertness, situational awareness, arousal management, executive functions, and communication skills. Dr. Vila has received well over one million dollars in external research funding, collaborated with a number of faculty members from the health sciences, and worked directly with and funded a number of criminal justice doctoral students. That success places WSU's Criminal Justice Program at the forefront of research linking public health to the criminal justice system.

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## PROFESSORS IN PRINT: RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS FROM OUR FACULTY



*Trends in Policing: Interviews with Police Leaders Across the Globe*, Otwin Marenin & Dilip K. Das, 2010



*Criminal Courts: a Contemporary Perspective*, Craig Hemmens, David Brody & Cassia Spohn, 2009



*Micronesia Blues: The Adventures of an American Cop in Paradise*, Bryan Vila as told to Cynthia Morris, 2009

## DR. ZACHARY HAMILTON BRINGS EXPERTISE IN PRISONER REENTRY, REHABILITATION TO WSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACULTY



*Professor Zachary Hamilton received his Ph.D. and M.A. at Rutgers University. His research interests focus primarily on prisoner reentry and efficient utilization of community corrections and other rehabilitative interventions. With his applied research he hopes to influence policy that can have a direct impact, and possibly improve the lives of offenders.*

In the most satisfying part of his career to date, Zachary Hamilton

led an evaluation of the Harlem Reentry Court, his findings revealing less than glowing outcomes of the program's effectiveness. With assistance from program administrators, Hamilton wrote for and successfully obtained funding through the Federal Second Chance Act to implement new services and programming for the Harlem Parole Reentry Court.

"Early in my academic career I was fortunate to have a conversation with George DeLeon, a key innovator and ambassador of drug treatment for substance abusing offenders. He explained to me that we are not treatment providers. Rather, our job is to utilize our skills as researchers to demonstrate the most efficient use of intervention resources and to educate the world about the effectiveness of their practices. My job is to be a workhorse for a cause in which I believe in, improving the lives of returning offenders."

## ALPHA PHI SIGMA - CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY

In 1942 Alpha Phi Sigma (APS), the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, was established by Professor V.A. Leonard at WSU. Since APS's creation nearly 70 years ago, over 360 universities in the United States have established chapters. Alpha Phi Sigma hosts a variety of events at WSU aimed at promoting the field of criminal justice, including guest lectures by criminal justice professionals, graduate and law school informational panels, research work-

shops, study groups, and community service activities. This year the society is led by faculty advisor Dr. Zachary Hays and student officers Alex Il (President), Danielle Morrison (Vice-President), Monica McAllister (Activities Coordinator), and Jason Stanley (Treasurer). For more information on how to join APS and for a schedule of events this semester, please contact Dr. Hays ([zhays@wsu.edu](mailto:zhays@wsu.edu)).

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A second area of research directly related to the health sciences involves the long-term study of the health of law enforcement officers on the job. This research is a component of a much larger effort known as the Spokane Heart Study. The Spokane Heart Study is a naturalistic study of behavior, lifestyle, and coronary heart disease development. Of the nearly 1,000 individuals who have had their blood sampled and tested since 1996, 205 were police officers. The Criminal Justice Program has obtained the longitudinal data related to these police officers. In an effort to understand why police work might lead to abnormal health outcomes, survey data has been collected from study participants regarding stress, illnesses, and professional experiences. Doctoral student Peter Collins, with the assistance of David Brody and Nick Lovrich, is comparing the police officers' health outcomes with the outcomes of non-law enforcement personnel participants in the study. It is anticipated that this data will allow researchers to evaluate a variety of long-term health outcomes associated with the workplace stress and health maintenance of police officers.

### CURRENTLY ENROLLED CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATE STUDENTS

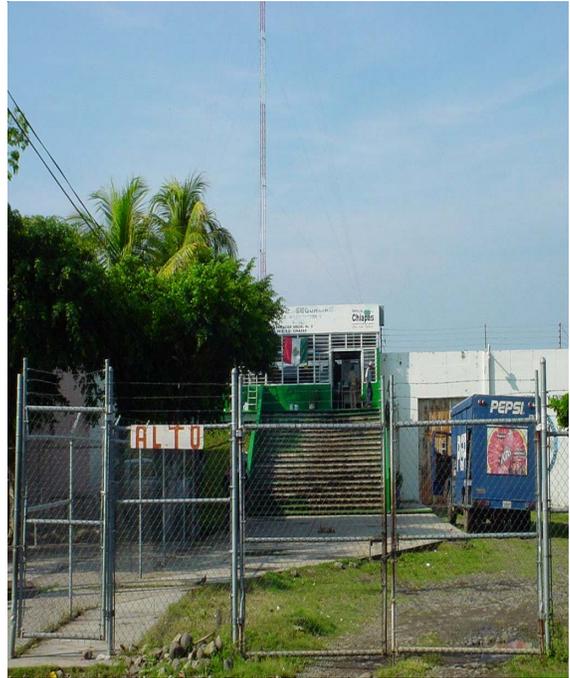
**M.A.:** 21 (38% women, 62% men)

**Ph.D.:** 22 (41% women, 59% men)

## AN ETHNOGRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF VIOLENCE AND VICTIMIZATION WITHIN A MEXICAN PRISON

MATTHEW DeGARMO, TEACHING ASSISTANT

This past summer I conducted participant observations and ethnographic interviews inside of a state prison in Chiapas, Mexico. What I discovered was a city built within the prison walls, one with a thriving market economy, traditional family structures, and seemingly low rates of violence and victimization. This was set against the backdrop of a prison system best characterized as severely underfunded and understaffed, oftentimes with only one corrections officer "on the ground." That officer is responsible for directly supervising over 1,300 inmates plus an unknown number of wives and children living with the prisoners. The following pictures highlight my encounter in a prison that *should* be one of the world's most dangerous places. While the research is ongoing, early indications are that the unique system shows low levels of prison violence. It appears to be held together by informal social control mechanisms, processes potentially fortified by the strong familial structures and overall strong social networks.



*A sign reading "ALTO" greets visitors at the main entry point of Centro De Rehabilitacion Social No 03 (or CERS-03). One of two male state prisons in the high-crime state of Chiapas, Mexico, CERS-3 is located along the border between Mexico and Guatemala in the city of Tapachula. The prison houses a variety of criminals charged with crimes ranging from failure to pay citations to more serious offenses such as rape, homicide, and kidnapping.*



*A common sight within the prison, a man relaxes in a prison-made hammock while his wife prepares food. While prisoners are provided two meals per day, family members must be supported at the expense of the prisoner, who either pays prison administration for food vouchers or purchases food*

*from inmates who operate small food processing businesses - selling anything from fried-pineapple to slow-turned pork. Women and children are allowed in the prison through legal statutes proclaiming that a man cannot be deprived of his wife and children even while incarcerated. The result is a unique mix of violent offenders and non-criminally charged women and children. While administrative records are ambiguous on the total number of children residing within the prison, numerous children can be observed playing games, watching T.V., or assisting with their parents' businesses.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

**Doug Anderson (B.A. '09)** is currently a senior patrol officer for the city of Pullman. Employed there since 2005, Mr. Anderson finished his degree to become a senior officer online, while still working full time.

**Suzie Bloom (B.A. '06)** was hired at a 911 dispatch center shortly after graduation. Ms. Bloom is a communications training officer (CTO) for 911 dispatchers. She started as a call receiver, moved into dispatching after her first year, and was recently promoted to CTO.

**Julia Davis (B.A. '07)** worked for the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office as a victim/witness advocate for a year, and entered Gonzaga University School of Law in 2008.

**Dan Darrell (M.A. '07)** worked with the WA State Department of Corrections as a community corrections officer. Mr. Darrell has enrolled in Eastern Washington University's chemical dependency counselor program.

**Annabel Defty (B.A. '08)** is attending law school at Willamette College of Law. Ms. Defty worked at law firms in the two years between graduating from WSU and starting law school.

**Kristine Graumans (B.A. '07)** returned home to Canada after graduation, working for the government as a correctional officer. Ms. Graumans recently took a leave of absence to pursue an MBA, and will be applying to



2010 Criminal Justice holiday party (back row, l to r): Alex Kigerl, Otwin Marenin, Dennis Lee, Faith Lutze, Zach Hamilton, David Brody, Zach Hays, Brandon Bang; (front row) Krysti Deines, Chyla Aguiar, Chris Campbell, Garret Schwer, Francis Boateng, Sean Falconer

the online masters in business administration (OMBA) program offered at WSU because earning her B.A. was "such a great experience."

**Ian Hallenius (B.A. '09)** attended the Federal Law Enforcement Academy for five months while finishing his degree. He currently works as a deputy sheriff for the Madison County Sheriff's Office in Montana, near Yellowstone National Park.

**Joe Hansen (M.A. '09)** was a small unit/staff instructor in Parsberg, Germany for security partnering nations in Europe (Germany, Poland, France, Ukraine, Slovakia, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Kosovo, Serbia, Norway, Romania, and Hungary). Mr. Hansen then spent three months in Afghanistan as a

counterinsurgency/police advisor to Afghan military and police units (training Afghan personnel in counterinsurgency theory, policing methodologies, rule of law and community policing techniques). He is currently in Iraq supporting a U.S. training assistance mission. He took a vacation to Cairo, Egypt where he and his wife, "discovered these pyramid things (how does the world not know about these guys?!)."

**Destiny (Huber) Hornstein (M.A. '08)** worked at a juvenile detention center for a year before taking a job with the Central Valley School District working with children having behavior problems. She married in August 2009 and she

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and her husband took jobs in the Anchorage School District. Ms. Hornstein obtained a second masters and works as a behavior consultant with emotionally disturbed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Scott Kirkeby (B.A. '06)** works with the Washington State Patrol. He was hired in July 2006 and went through the training academy before being commissioned in April 2008.

**Sean McCormick (M.A. '07)** joined the army for the student loan repayment program and for the experience the army can give. Mr. McCormick has a 2 ½ year old daughter and remarried on Labor Day.

**Stephanie McMeans-Pendleton (B.A. '07)** is currently a third year law student at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She interned and externed the past two summers at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

**Denise Mowder (Ph.D. '10, M.A. '08)** is an assistant professor teaching at Metropolitan State College in Denver. Metro State has 1,500 Criminal Justice majors.

**Casey Myers (B.A. '06)** is employed with the Washington State Patrol. He graduated from the 93rd Trooper Basic Class in 2006. "The Patrol is a great job and something WSU helped prepare me for."

**Abubakar Omar (B.A. '10)** is an FBI agent traveling from state to state.

Mr. Omar reports, "My hard work is paying off in a great way. I love my job; I am a Cougar for life."

**Sumer Singh (B.A. '07)** works in law enforcement for the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife in Alaska, Washington, Florida, and Texas.

**Kyle Thomas (B.A. '09)** is pursuing a Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland.

**Damian Wagner (B.A. '08)** has been working for Apple, Inc. since graduation. Mr. Wagner is enrolled in the master's program in organizational leadership at Gonzaga.

**Melinda York (Ph.D. '09)** is an assistant professor of criminal justice at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, IN. Dr. York teaches courses on the courts, law, and violence against women. Her dissertation entitled "Violence against women: The dynamics associated with traditional gender attitudes and social capital" was recently accepted for publication with LFB Scholarly Publishing in their book series "Criminal Justice: Recent Scholarship."

**GSA ENRICHES CAMPUS EXPERIENCE**

The graduate student association (GSA) for the political science and criminal justice departments addresses all issues and concerns of the student body, including student/faculty interaction, mentoring, community involvement, professional development, and social events.

GSA hosts a number of different events over the year. Currently they are working with faculty from both departments to organize brown bag lunch events where faculty and graduate students share their research interests and give presentations on academic material. The GSA was awarded a \$200 Registered Student Organization (RSO) Student Programming Grant to help establish the brown bag lunches. GSA also hosts social events (including bowling outings and barbeques) for students and is working on updating its web page so it is easier to track activity.

If you have any questions about GSA or what GSA can do for you, contact GSA President Sean Falconer at: [sean\\_falconer@wsu.edu](mailto:sean_falconer@wsu.edu).

**Alumni Updates for Future Newsletters**

Alumni, we're interested in what you're doing. Please share your updates! Email your news (with the subject "Alumni Update") to [reyoung@wsu.edu](mailto:reyoung@wsu.edu).

Be sure to include your year of graduation, name at time of graduation, degree(s) earned at WSU, and your current title and employer, as well as any news you would like to share.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE DOCTORATES AWARDED

### 2009

**Dr. Jennifer Marie Chiotti**

Assistant Professor, University of Houston

*Dissertation: The "illusive" female sex offender: A quantitative content analysis of media exposure*

**Dr. Jason Vaughn Lee**

Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming

*Dissertation: The ripple effect: The perception of racial profiling, procedural justice, and citizen confidence in government*

**Dr. Yu-Sheng Lin**

Assistant Professor, National Taipei University

*Dissertation: Modeling aggressive driving: Assessing low self-control theory with the general aggression model*

**Dr. Danielle Alexandria Lively**

Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska, Kearny

*Dissertation: Social capital and crime: Which is cause and which is effect? A longitudinal analysis of U.S. cities*

**Dr. Filip Matthew Wiecko**

Assistant Professor, Texas A & M University - Commerce

*Dissertation: Late onset offending: Fact or fiction*

**Dr. Melinda Roberts York**

Assistant Professor, University of Southern Indiana

*Dissertation: Violence against women: The dynamics associated with traditional gender attitudes and social capital*

### 2010

**Dr. Denise L. Mowder**

Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State College

*Dissertation: The relationship between the undocumented immigrant battered Latina and U.S. immigration policy: "I feel at peace here, I don't want to leave."*

**Dr. Jeffrey W. Rosky**

Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida

*Dissertation: Examining the relationship between risk, protection, self-control and resilience*

**Dr. Kevin Andrew Wright**

Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

*Dissertation: The importance of ecological context for correctional treatment programs*

**Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer**

Clinical Assistant Professor, Washington State University

*Dissertation: Understanding operational dynamics of drug courts*

**Dr. Tonisha R. Jones**

*Dissertation: The empirical assessment of human trafficking in Washington State: Challenges, roadblocks, and barriers*

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS 2010

### Program Awards

*Outstanding Service:* David Brody

*Outstanding Alumna:* Kim Hathaway

### Alpha Phi Sigma Awards

*Outstanding Criminal Justice Professor:* Zachary Hays

*Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Instructor:* Kevin Wright

### Outstanding Student Awards

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student:* Sonia Davis

*Outstanding Master's Student:* Stephen James

*Outstanding Doctoral Student:* Pete Collins

### V.A. Leonard Scholarship

Caitlin Aldrich

Taylor Hair